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of the Town of  
WHATELY  
MASSACHUSETTS**



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*James H. LaSalle*

## DEDICATION

*Each year, the Whately Town Report is dedicated to an individual who has contributed to making Whately the type of community of which we are all proud to call home. Many men and women over the years have been recognized for their dedication to family, friends, neighbors and townspeople. This year, the citizens of Whately dedicate the annual report to James H. LaSalle. He has served the town in many capacities over the past forty-five years and his sense of humor and enthusiasm are an inspiration to all to have been associated with him.*

*Jim was born in Northampton on February 21, 1928 and attended Northampton schools, graduating from Northampton High School in 1945. He attended the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, majored in dairy manufacturing, and graduated in 1947.*

*Jim moved to Whately with his parents in 1943 to State Road where his parents started LaSalle Florists, a flower growing business with several greenhouses. After his graduation from Stockbridge, Jim came to work for the family business. He married Ann J. Kennedy in 1949, and together they raised three sons. William LaSalle is a United Church of Christ Minister in Hamburg, Pennsylvania and John LaSalle works in the family floral business. Their son Richard died in 1971. Jim and Ann have six grandchildren. Eventually, they bought the family business from his parents in 1956.*



*Jim LaSalle has been dedicated to his family, his work and his community. An active advocate for the youth of our town, Jim has coached in the Whately Little League and Youth Ball and has provided leadership for the Whately Boy Scouts. He was the driving force behind the establishment of the Whately Youth Center, constructed in part through donations in memory of his deceased son Richard. He has been active in many sports that he enjoys, including softball, bowling, and golf.*

*Jim has been an active member of the Whately Congregational Church having held many offices, including that of Moderator and Trustee which he still holds. His participation in the Whately Grange has led to leadership roles as Treasurer of the organization and in other official roles in the Connecticut Valley Pomona, and State and National Grange. He was a charter member of the Whately Fire Department and served as an officer in the department. He retired from the Fire Department in 1994 after forty-five years of service to the town in that capacity.*

*Professionally, Jim is active in several associations and has held important leadership roles with two organizations. He served as a District Representative to Florist Transworld Delivery and was President of the Massachusetts Flower Growers Association. As a result of his work with these organizations, he was selected by President Eisenhower to participate in the "People to People Program" formulated by the President in 1960. The aim of the program was to allow professionals from other countries to become acquainted and in that role he traveled extensively throughout South America and behind the Iron Curtain visiting Moscow, Leningrad, Berlin and other places.*

*Every organization that Jim has been involved with has received the benefit of his tremendous ability to bring people together toward a common goal. Once he sets out to accomplish something, he is not deterred by obstacles and continues to pursue his objectives until they are met. Nowhere was this more evident than in his drive to bring Cable Television to the Town of Whately. The cable television committee began in 1988 and initially had secured a deal with Amrac to bring service to the townspeople. However, financing for this company fell through and the process was begun all over again. With Jim's leadership and perseverance over a four year period, the Committee was ultimately successful in signing a contract with continental Cablevision. In January 1993, the construction of the cable system was complete, largely as a result of Jim's inability to give up on the idea.*

*Jim LaSalle has emerged as a leader in almost every endeavor with which he has been associated. He has been a successful local businessman, a dedicated town volunteer and a concerned and caring citizen. His keen sense of humor has made him a delight to work with and his strong commitment to community will continue to benefit the town for years to come. It is with deep respect and appreciation that this town report is dedicated to Jim LaSalle.*

*On behalf of the townspeople of Whately,*

*David L. Scott, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen*

## MEETING SCHEDULE FOR WHATELY TOWN BOARDS

### Board or Committee:

### Meeting Date:

Assessors	Monday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
Board of Health	2nd & last Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., Town Hall
Cable TV Advisory Committee	No set meeting date
Cemetery Commissioners	No set meeting date
Cultural Council	No set meeting date
Commercial/Industrial	No set meeting date
Ad Hoc Committee	
Conservation Commission	3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
Council on Aging	2nd Mondays, 7:00 P.M., Frontier Senior Ctr.
Disability Committee	1st Mondays, 7:00 P.M., Elementary School
Economic Development	No set meeting date
Committee	
Finance Committee	No set meeting date
Franklin County Coop.	Quarterly
Bldng. Inspection Prog.	
Franklin County Technical	2nd Wednesdays, every other month,
School Committee	Technical School
Frontier Regional	2nd Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., Frontier
School Committee	
Frontier Regional School	3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M., Frontier
Bldng. Committee	
Historical Commission	No set meeting date
Library Trustees	1st Thursdays, 7:30 P.M., Library
Master Growth Planning	No set meeting date
Committee	
Personnel Committee	No set meeting date.
Planning Board	1st Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M., Town Hall
Recreation Commission	No set meeting date
Selectmen	2nd & last Tuesdays, 8:00 P.M., Center Sch.
Town Collector	Mondays, 7:00 — 9:00 P.M., Town Hall
Tri-Town Beach Committee	No set meeting date
Water Commissioners	1st Tuesdays, 8:00 P.M., Town Hall
Western Valley Water	3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M., location varies
Protection Committee	
Whately Permanent School	1st Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M., Elem. Sch.
Bldng Committee	
Whately School Committee	1st Mondays, 6:00 P.M., Elem. School
Zoning Board of Appeals	1st Thursdays, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall

**Note:** This schedule is provided for informational purposes only.

Please check the Town Clerk's Board for official notification of meetings and hearings.



## **REPRESENTATIVES IN GOVERNMENT FEDERAL OFFICIALS**

### **Senators in Congress:**

Edward M. Kennedy  
United States Senate  
431 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
(202)224-2639 (Washington) (617) 565-3170 (District)

John F. Kerry  
United States Senate  
120 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
(202) 224-2742 (Washington) (617) 565-8519 (District)

### **Representative in Congress**

First Congressional District

John W. Olver  
United States House of Representatives  
1116 Longworth Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-5335 (Washington) (413) 584-8108 (District)

## **STATE OFFICIALS**

### **State Senator — Franklin ~ Hampshire District:**

Stanley Rosenberg  
Room 413F  
State House  
Boston, MA 02133  
(617) 722-1532

### **Representative in General Court — First Franklin District:**

Steven Kulik  
Room 145  
State House  
Boston, MA 02133  
(617) 722-2725

## **COUNTY OFFICIALS**

### **County Commissioners, Franklin County**

Margaret Striebel, Chairman — Gill  
Mary Forbes, Greenfield

Franklin County Commission  
Courthouse  
425 Main Street  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
(413) 774-4015

## TOWN OFFICIALS — ELECTED

### Selectmen:

David L. Scott, Chairman	1994
Charlie E. Olanyk	1996
Ai S. Annis, Jr., Clerk	1995

### Town Clerk:

Virginia C. Allis	1995
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### Treasurer:

Myron C. Orloski	1996
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### Town Collector:

Karen R. Skroski	1994
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### Assessors:

Victor Moreno, Chairman	1994
Bruce Walker	1996
Ai S. Annis, Jr.	1995

### Board of Health:

Gary A. Lawrence, Chairman	1996
Russell Mizula	1995
Victor Moreno	1994

### School Committee:

Carol Olanyk, Chairman	1994
Patricia E. Bell-Loughrey	1996
Theresa Billiel	1995

### Frontier Regional School Committee:

William J. Smith	1994
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### Library Trustees:

Sandra V. Saunders, Chairman	1994
Anita Husted	1994



Blanche Cooney	1996
Merit P. White	1995
Herbert Steeper	1995
Maureen Litwin	1996

**Cemetery Commissioners:**

Adelia A. Bardwell, Chairman	1996
Fred W. Bardwell	1995
Peter Hannum	1994

**Moderator:**

Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	1994
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**Constables:**

Harold R. Swift, Jr.	1995
Randy K. Sibley	1995

**Tree Warden:**

Henry C. Baldwin	1994
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**Elector under the will of Oliver Smith:**

Edward R. Farrick	1994
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**Water Commissioners:**

George Bucala, Jr.	1995
Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr., Chairman	1994
Karen R. Skroski	1996

**TOWN OFFICIALS — APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

**Administrative Assistant:**

Susan Wright (appt. to 1995)

**Town Accountant:**

Kristine Ashman (appt. to 1995)  
(resigned 1/94)

**Town Counsel:**

Thomas Lesser

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

**Superintendent of Streets:**

Keith Bardwell

**Moth Superintendent**

Keith Bardwell

**Keeper of the Pound:**  
Daniel G. Denehy, Jr.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Chief of Police**  
Harold R. Swift, Jr.

**Special Police Officers:**  
Martha Swift  
William J. Smith  
James King  
Edwin M. Zaniewski  
Joseph F. Mieczkowski, III

Harold R. Swift, III  
Wendy Bardwell  
Keith Bardwell  
Thomas Mahar  
Eric Wisnovskas  
Eric Seaholm

**Fire Chief and Forest Warden:**  
Randy K. Sibley

**EMS Coordinator**  
George Goodridge

**Director of Emergency Management:**  
Ai S. Annis, Jr.

**Asst. Director Emergency Mngt:**  
William J. Smith

**Dog Officer:**  
Thomas J. Mahar

**Hazardous Waste Coordinator:**  
William Obear

**Municipal Coordinator of Right-to-Know Law:**  
Randy K. Sibley

**INSPECTORS:**

**Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector:**  
Victor Staley  
Edward Crafts (alternate)  
Edward Davis (alternate)

**Franklin County Cooperative Wiring Inspector:**  
Edward F. Marchefka  
Walter Reid (alternate)  
Robert Newton (alternate)  
Robert Graves (alternate)

**Franklin County Cooperative Plumbing and Gas Inspector:**  
Paulin J. Bukowski  
Richard Ouimette (alternate)



John Jankowski (alternate)  
Dale Descavich (alternate)

**Inspector of Animals and Barns:**  
Thomas Mahar

**Weights & Measures**  
Lyndon L. Scott  
Joseph R. Rup

**For Northampton Cooperative Auction:**  
Marilyn Koehler

<b>Fence Viewers and Field Drivers:</b>	
Joseph F. Mieczkowski, Jr.	Ai S. Annis, Jr.
David L. Scott	Thomas J. Mahar

**VETERANS:**

<b>Agent for Veterans' Services:</b>	<b>Veterans' Graves Officer</b>
Douglas Smith	John S. Gromaski 665-2258

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

<b>Registrar of Voters:</b>	
Neal B. Sanderson	1995
Virginia C. Allis, Clerk	1995
Paul McEnaney	1996
Debra Ramsey	1994

<b>Board of Appeals:</b>	
Robert G. Koch, Chairman	1995
Debra Carney	1996
Roger P. Lipton, Esquire	1994
Robert F. Smith, Alternate	1994
Peter G. Tenanes, Alternate	1994
Christine Carr, Secretary	

<b>Conservation Commission:</b>	
James N. Ross, Chairman	1996
Alan Tilton	1996
Edward R. Farrick	1994
Robert August	1994

William Skroski	1995
<b>Tri-Town Beach Committee:</b>	
William J. Skroski, Jr.	1995
Elizabeth J. Orloski	1996
Joyce Tutan (resigned 5/93)	1994
Katie Ross (appointed to fill term)	1994
<b>Recreation Commission:</b>	
Ronald Duda, Chairman	1995
Karen Duda	1996
Carlye Wisnouskas	1994
Edward Ashman	1996
Carl Adamski	1995
<b>Historical Commission:</b>	
Fred Bardwell	1995
Bruce T. Walker	1996
Julie Sanderson	1996
Maureen Dwyer	1994
Carol Annis	1994
<b>Whately Arts Council:</b>	
Jean Kocsis, Chairman	1994
Lynda E. Walker	1994
Ellen Kaplan	1995
Peter De Gregorio (resigned 9/93)	1994
Margaret De Gregorio (appt. to fill term)	1994
Tom Leamon	1994
Maureen Litwin	1994
Carlye Wisnouskas	1995
<b>Council on Aging:</b>	
Louella Gauthier, Chairman	1996
Theresa Zaskey	1994
Frances Symanski	1995
Eleanor Kennedy	1995
Arlene Mitzkovitz	1994
Linda Lawrence	1994
J. Charles Zaskey	1996
<b>Building Code Board of Appeals:</b>	
Ralph K. Farrick	1998
Joseph R. Rup	1994

Stanley H. Hoynoski	1995
Randy K. Sibley	1997
Ewan Mikolajczuk	1996

**Permanent School Building Committee:**

Robert F. Smith, Chairman	Charles E. Olanyk
Kevin J. Helstowski	Barbara Schneider
Mary Ellen Szawlowski	Jane H. Grybko
Theresa M. Billiel	Lyndon L. Scott
Carol Olanyk	Donald Skroski, ex officio

**Cable T.V. Advisory Committee:**

James H. LaSalle, Jr.,Chairman	Deborah M. Pearson
Gary A. Lawrence	John Lesenski
Kevin A. Kloc	Brad Sanderson
Gary Bohonowicz	Amy Helstowski

**Commercial Industrial Ad Hoc Committee:**

Charles E. Olanyk	Harold R. Swift, Jr.
Herbert F. Steeper	George Bucala, Jr.
Carl W. Brooks	

**Western Valley Water Protection Committee:**

Alice Klingener  
Paula Jenkins

**Americans with Disabilities Act Committee:**

Ralph Farrick  
Janet Cohan  
Merit White  
Donald Sluter, Chairman  
Susan Wright

**Economic Development Committee:**

Charles Olanyk  
Thomas Litwin  
Paul Fleuriel  
Harold Swift  
Janet Cohan  
Herbert Futter

**Frontier Regional School Committee/Building Committee:**

Robert F. Smith  
Gary Bohonowicz



**Franklin County Solid Waste District:**  
William Obear, Representative  
Mark Fournier, Alternate (resigned 11/93)

**Franklin County Cooperative Dispatch Representative:**  
Harold R. Swift, Jr.

**Fire Alarm Feasibility Study Committee:**  
Randy Sibley  
Ai S. Annis, Jr.  
David Scott  
Thomas Mahar  
Harold R. Swift, Jr.

**Franklin County Transit Authority Representative:**  
Fred Bardwell

**TOWN OFFICIALS — APPOINTED BY MODERATOR**

<b>Finance Committee:</b>	
Harold R. Swift, Jr., Chairman	1994
Neal Sanderson	1995
Jane Grybko	1995
Carl W. Brooks	1994
Thomas J. Mahar, Vice-Chairman	1996
Joseph W. Novotny	1996
Eric J. Wisnouskas	1996

<b>Planning Board:</b>	
Peter D. Crisci, Co-Chairman	1994
Paul McEnaney	1998
Fred W. Bardwell	1996
Peter De Gregorio	1998
Frank Marchand	1995
Richard E. Smith	1998
Thomas E. Litwin	1997

<b>Franklin County Technical School District:</b>	
Linda Puchalski	1995

## OTHER OFFICIALS

### **Personnel Committee:**

Charles Olanyk	(appt. by Selectmen)	1994
William Smith	(elected by Employees)	1994
Joseph Novotny	(appt. by Finance Committee)	1994
Patricia Barschenski	(appt. by Moderator)	1995
Janet McEnancy	(appt. by Moderator)	1994

### **Health Agent: (appt. by Board of Health)**

Joan Barry

### **Water Superintendent: (appt. by Water Commissioners)**

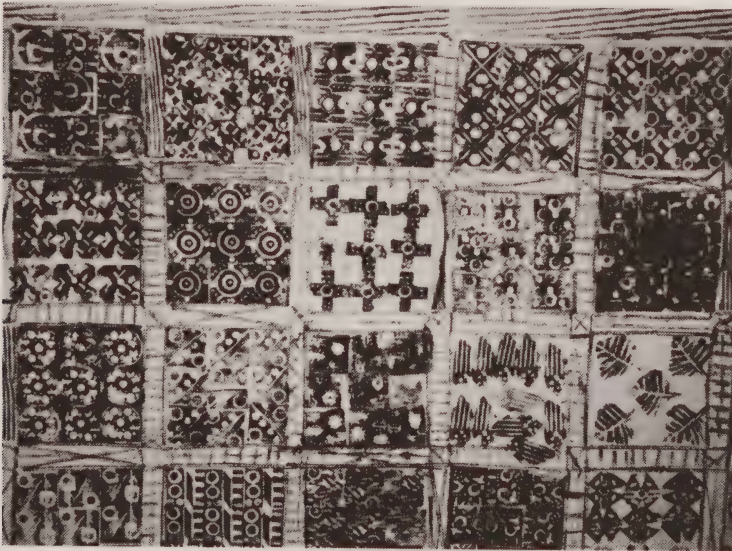
William Smith

### **Librarian: (appt. by Library Trustees)**

Nancy Marchefka

### **Frontier Regional School Committee: (appt. by School Committee)**

Theresa Billiel



*Adrinka Project — This project was part of a school-wide study of African culture. Each child made a printing block out of styrofoam and repeated it nine times in a six inch block on bright fabric. Pauline Grinnan, Art Teacher.*



*The Town Seal was devised by Selectmen Seth Crafts, George Pease, Willis Waite, and Town Clerk George A. Elder. Adopted by the town on Nov. 7, 1899. The lower part shows the stockade which was built during the French and Indian Wars. It is flanked by two Chestnut trees in recognition of the tough wood so often using in framing new dwellings. To the left is a tobacco plant, the surest cash crop in town. To the right is a horse symbolizing the means by which families traveled. The top left features a picture of the Congregational Church, the first concern of the new settlement. On the right is the Town Hall which stands for law and government. The Town Seal first appeared on the Town Report of 1899.*

### WHATELY STATISTICS

Incorporated:	April 26, 1771
Area:	20.81 Square Miles
Density:	66 persons per square mile
Miles of State Highway:	8.81
Miles of Local Roads	31.11
1994 Tax Rate:	\$15.80
Census Data:	
1990 Census	1,375
1985 Census	1,342
1980 Census	1,357
1975 Census	1,181
1971 Census	1,115
1965 Census	1,124
1960 Census	1,037
1955 Census	1,006
1950 Census	939



1945 Census	973
1940 Census	979
1930 Census	1,136
1920 Census	1,234
1910 Census	846

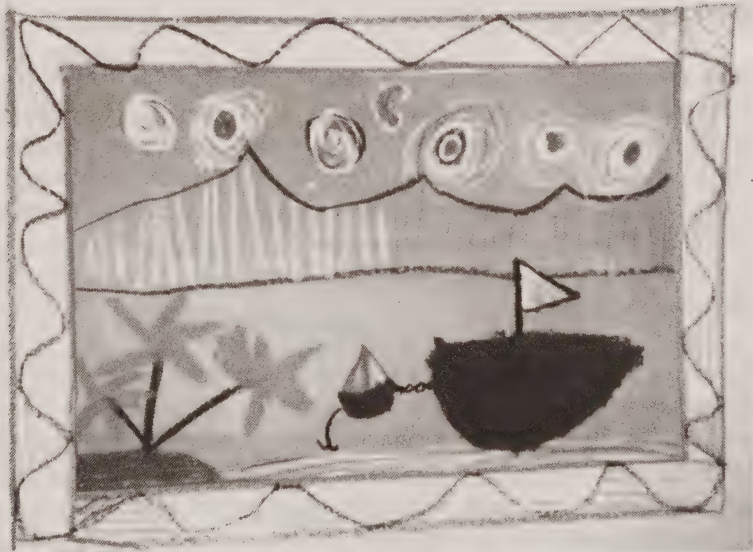
1989 Per Capita Income \$17,078  
 Rank: 152 out of 351 municipalities

1990 Medium Household Income \$42,235  
 Rank: 146 out of 351 municipalities

1990 Medium Family Income \$45,670  
 Rank: 173 out of 351 municipalities

1992 Equalized Valuation Per Capita \$86,771  
 Rank: 92 out of 351 municipalities

1992 Average Tax Bill \$1,862



*Craypas Drawings—A project by Elementary School Students studying impressionism and fauvism. Drawing by Celene Olanyk, Grade 4. Pauline Grinnan, Art Teacher.*

# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

## Report of the Board of Selectmen



*A member of the Connecticut Rolling Flags, a private, non-profit group based in Waterbury, Conn., salutes Whately's selectmen — from left, Charles Olanyk, David Scott, and Ai Annis.*

The Whately Board of Selectmen have been faced with many issues over the past year. The dedication and hard work of our town officials, employees and volunteers has contributed to all that was accomplished in 1993. Although most departments experienced budget reductions last year due to the failure of the override, the departments have strived, with limited funds, to maintain a high level of service to town residents.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the Board of Selectmen over the past year has been the reorganization of the Assessors Department. A little more than one year ago, the Board of Selectmen recognized that the Assessing Department was in need of more assistance to keep up with the ever increasing workload. Several experienced Assessors had stepped down from the Board and the Board was experiencing turnover. The setting of the FY93 tax rate was delayed due to problems caused by our revaluation firm and this resulted in increased borrowing costs for the town. This prompted the Selectmen to take an active role in addressing the situation.

The Board of Selectmen initiated a study to determine the level of staffing needed in the department and to evaluate the quality of the services the town was receiving from our revaluation firm. The Board researched the staffing and assessing programs used by thirty other towns in the area. The board determined that the most cost effective way to improve the assessing function of the town, minimize the effects of future turnover, provide for better services and a more fair and equitable assessments would be to provide increased staff hours in order to bring the revaluation services in house.

Through the efforts of the Board of Selectmen and in conjunction with the Finance Committee, the Board supported enhancing the Assessors budget to include a Clerk for 25 hours per week beginning in FY94. The Board of Selectmen also initiated a successful



grant application to the state which will contribute \$10,000 toward the computerization of both the Assessors and Town Collector's Offices. This will allow for the town to provide its own revaluation services and field work in house providing for more accurate valuations and more timely setting of the tax rate. Ultimately this should provide for improved cash flow and decreased costs associated with borrowing in anticipation of tax revenues.

Since Connie Ludlam, the Assessors Clerk declined the new, expanded position, the Board of Assessors conducted an extensive search and ultimately hired Cynthia Herbert an experienced Assessors Clerk. The Board of Selectmen welcome Cynthia to the job and wish to express their sincere appreciation to Connie Ludlam, who served as the Clerk to the Assessors for sixteen years. Connie saw the Board through a number of changes over the years and we thank her for her dedication to the job.

This past year also saw the planning begin for the Statewide Enhanced 9-1-1, an emergency communications service that will be available across the state within the next year. The popular house renumbering project was implemented in preparation for E911 the goal of which was to provide a clear, consistent numbering system throughout town to aid police, fire and ambulance personnel in locating emergencies. The numbering system that existed in town, developed in the 1970's, was not planned in a way to accommodate growth and as the town grew, the numbering system became outdated in certain areas of the town. The Board of Selectmen took a long range view of the situation and decided to implement a standardized numbering system that would accommodate all growth now and in the conceivable future. The numbering system was based on similar systems used elsewhere and will ultimately prove to be a wise course of action.

The FY94 budget season was a challenge to all town officials, particularly the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. Leadership during the budget process, although painful, was an important factor in developing the FY94 budget which sustained over \$90,000 in cuts made to town departments due to the failure of two override attempts. Faced with putting together a budget in which many town departments would sustain cuts and receive no new equipment or supplies, the Selectmen and Finance committee took on the difficult task of prioritizing the needs of the town and its residents and developed a budget that would have the least negative impact on the quality of town services. Tough decisions were made and the board voted to increase trash bag fees as a necessary measure to make solid waste disposal a self sustaining service. Unfortunately real cuts were also made to the Library, Cemeteries, and Highway, Police, Fire and Ambulance Departments. A long standing tradition of providing swimming lessons for Whately children was eliminated and replacement of a highway department vehicle postponed.

Complicating the FY94 budget process was the new Education Reform Act. The Board of Selectmen took on the enormous task of understanding and implementing the Education Reform Act the Governor and the Legislature adopted in June of 1993. The board navigated its way through multiple formulas and documents to enhance their understanding of this important and complex legislation and how it will affect the Town of Whately, not only financially, but administratively and educationally.

Under the Education Reform Act, the Commonwealth's Department of Education will set the foundation budget for our three separate schools and the town will be required by law to fund the school budgets at those target figures. The Board's leadership on this issue involved fully examining all the educationally related costs that were not necessarily reflected in the school budget but borne by the town and this resulted in the town being able to meet the required contribution without a third override attempt. Under Education Reform, the Board of Selectmen now have a vote on all collective bargaining negotiations with the Teachers Unions which shall provide for broader representation in contract negotiations.

Other accomplishments of the Board of Selectmen over the past year include the establishment of two new committees. To meet the town's obligations under the federally enacted Americans with Disabilities Law, the town appointed a five member ADA Committee. This committee has begun work on a plan to meet the requirements of the new legislation and has begun estimating the cost of required handicapped accessibility modifications to town facilities.

The Board also appointed a seven member Economic Development Committee to promote the town of Whately to businesses and industries. Over the past year the board has met with businesses interested in the Town of Whately in hopes of luring them to our community. In appointing this newly formed committee, it is the board's vision that the committee will work to recruit business to the town and also identify current impediments to businesses locating in town. This committee will work hand in hand with the Master Plan Committee to promote the type of development desired by Whately residents. The Economic Development committee, under the direction of the board of Selectmen, is also looking into grant possibilities to provide assistance to the Planning board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission and Economic Development Committee and to aggressively market Whately to potential new businesses and industries.

This past year also saw the completion of two long standing bridge projects funded by the Massachusetts Highway Department Small Bridge Repair Program. The Williamsburg Road Bridge was completed after nine years of planning and the Swamp Road Bridge reconstruction was completed by the Whately Highway Department. The Selectmen wish to commend the Highway Department employees, Keith Bardwell, Superintendent, James Rewa, Ronald Belder and Douglas Scoville on their fine work in completing these major projects.

The Board of Selectmen enacted a seat belt policy for town employees to promote a safer working environment and help eliminate potentially costly workers compensation claims. The Board has worked diligently to refine insurance policy coverage, and in many instances has been able to enhance coverage while decreasing premiums. Duplicate insurance coverage has been eliminated and the town's deductible lowered without significant cost.

The Board of Selectmen, previously had successfully implemented billing for our Ambulance Service which has brought in badly needed revenues. This year the Board suc-



cessfully negotiated a contract with Mercy Ambulance to do all of our billing, thereby increasing our rate of return from major insurers such as Medicare and Blue Cross/Blue Shield at the cost of \$4.00 per bill. The town could not process the bills for that cost and it has proved to be an excellent service for the cost.

The Board has also been busy in a number of other areas. In response to complaints about speeding from residents on a number of town roads, the Board requested the Police Department to speed zone several places in town. The Board of Selectmen have tightened up the use of Town Counsel by boards and officials which has helped keep the cost of legal services down. The Board has continued to carry out the day to day operations of the town and continued to act on resident's complaints, dog issues, granting and renewing licenses, bidding supplies and services to get the benefit of the best prices and to act as an advocate for the needs of other town boards and departments.

It has also been one year since the Town of Whately has had a full-time Town Administrator. Partially funded by a grant from the Executive Office of Communities and Development, the position has proved its worth many times over. The position has streamlined the Selectmen's Office and increased the ability of the board to manage the affairs of the day to day business of the town and to address long term issues. By establishing the position of Town Administrator and pursuing and receiving a grant to fund that position for two years, the town has made headway in many areas. The position alone has brought in close to \$40,000 in grant funds to the town for a variety of projects.

Lastly, the Board of Selectmen have been deeply involved in the Frontier Regional School Renovation Project. The Board supported the two debt exclusion votes for the \$21 million dollar renovation project, both of which failed to gain majority vote in Whately. The Board is presently reviewing options that were not fully explored or presented to the townspeople and will continue to seek the guidance of town citizens to arrive at reasonable solutions for the Frontier School facility.

The Board of Selectmen also wish to thank Kristine Ashman for her seven years of service to the town as Town Accountant, following her resignation this January. Kris was responsible for computerization of the office and conversion from the Statutory to the Uniform Municipal Accounting System. She served the town well and we thank her for her dedication.

The Board of Selectmen will continue to strive to find ways to provide and improve on town services with less and less money with which to work. The board will continue to act in the best interests of the town in all its deliberations and will continue to take into account the concerns of town residents in all its decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Scott, Chairman  
Ai S. Annis, Jr.  
Charles E. Olanyk, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen have been working together to develop a budget for Fiscal Year 1995. Unfortunately, the coming fiscal year will be among the most difficult years financially in recent history.

Revenues are down and expenses are up. The Town of Whately is facing approximately a \$200,000 override in order to maintain town services at current spending levels and to fund requested increases in the school budgets. The shortfall is a result of increases in the school budgets amounting to \$95,000 and necessary increases in the Highway Department winter roads and road machinery repair accounts, and other fixed costs amounting to approximately another \$50,000. The town has basically level funded almost all other departments this year.

Anticipated revenues for the town are down by approximately \$70,000 due to our negative free cash situation. We do not have the reserves in free cash that we have used to reduce the tax rate over the past five years. Increases in state aid are offset by decreases in other state aid categories resulting in no growth in that area. Local receipts remain at about the same level as past years with little growth expected in this funding source. Although we can raise 2-1/2 percent more in taxes, this only amounts to \$33,000 and new growth is about \$39,000. These increases together amount to \$72,000. However, we do not have the \$130,000 in free cash to supplement the budget such as was used last year. Thus a \$70,000 shortfall in revenue.

The Education Reform Act passed by the legislature last June has had substantial impact on school financing. The Department of Education will set a required minimum level of spending for schools and the town will be obligated to fund the schools at that target level. However, all three schools, the Whately Elementary School, the Frontier Regional School and the Franklin County Technical School have proposed budgets that seek funds above the minimum required levels. The Elementary School is seeking approximately \$30,000 above the minimum that we are required to provide, the Frontier Regional School District is seeking approximately \$200,000 district wide over the minimum and the Franklin County Technical School is seeking \$3,000 over the minimum. The town will be obligated to fund the schools at the minimum levels however, voters do have a voice as to whether to approve the additional requests beyond the required minimums.

It should be noted that under the Education Reform Act, the town's assessment to the Frontier Regional School District is \$15,000 higher than it would have been if the formula had been predicated on the existing regional agreement.

If approved, the override amount, estimated to be close to \$200,000, basically maintains the current level of services in town departments while providing increases to the three schools. If rejected, the override amount will have severe impact on the ability of the town

to deliver essential functions. Every department in town will be affected by budget reductions of this magnitude. The annual town meeting warrant will detail the plan for budget reductions that at press time was still under discussion.

We urge town residents to attend the Annual Town Meeting and become informed about the town's financial picture over the next fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold R. Swift, Jr.  
Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

**A FINANCIAL REPORT  
For The Town of Whately**

**FISCAL YEAR 1994**

**TOTAL BUDGET: \$2,632,352**

**WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM:**

Property Taxes	\$1,676,144	64%
State Aid	391,590	15%
Local Receipts		
Excise Tax	80,000	
Other Excise	2,750	
Penalties and Interest		
on Taxes & Excise	10,550	
Charges for Water	39,387	
Charges for Trash	28,000	
Fees	28,950	
Licenses & Permits	6,000	
Fines & Forfeits	78,000	
Investment Income	7,000	
Sub-total	285,137	11%
Other Available Funds		
FY93 Temp Loan Inter.	50,043	
Water Surplus	15,000	
Stabilization	12,500	
Ed. Revolving Fund	5,000	
New School Prin. & Int.	8,088	
Transportation Bond	68,879	
Sub-total	159,510	6%
Free Cash	120,000	4%
Total Revenues:	\$2,632,352	100%



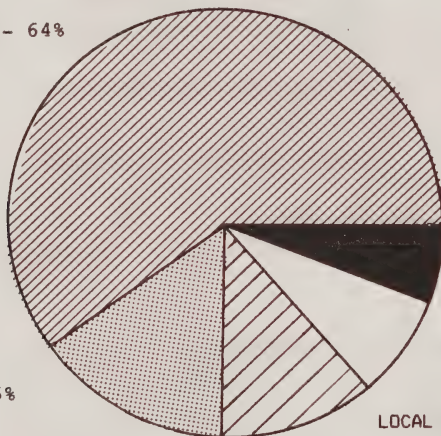
## WHERE THE MONEY GOES:

Education	1,621,921	62%
Public Works (Highway, Water, Tree)	437,768	17%
General Government	223,622	8%
Insurance, Retirement & Benefits	123,290	5%
Int. on Temporary Loans, Stabilization and Reserve Fund	98,043	3%
Public Safety	80,337	3%
Overlay and State & County Charges	47,371	2%

**Total Expenses:** \$2,632,352 100.0%

## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

PROPERTY TAXES - 64%



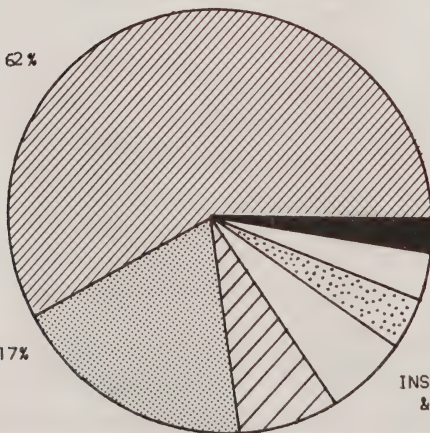
FREE CASH - 4%

OTHER AVAILABLE  
FUNDS - 6%

LOCAL RECEIPTS - 11%

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

EDUCATION - 62%



OVERLAY AND STATE &  
COUNTY CHARGES - 2%

INTEREST ON TEMP LOANS,  
STABILIZATION & RESERVE - 3%

PUBLIC SAFETY - 3%

INSURANCE, RETIREMENT,  
& BENEFITS - 5%

GENERAL GOVERNMENT - 8%

PUBLIC WORKS - 17%

## REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The past year was a very active year for the newly formed personnel committee. The committee met on a monthly basis and undertook several formidable tasks.

Work began on job descriptions and classifications for all town employees. A personnel policy was developed and submitted to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Recommendations were formulated for cost of living increases as well as some changes to the employees' benefit package.

Work will continue in the coming year. The committee hopes to function as a useful advocate for employees as well as a voice of reason in the effort to blend employees benefits into the overall fiscal picture in our town.

Respectfully submitted

William Smith, Chairman  
Patricia Barschenski  
Janet McEnaney  
Joseph Novotny  
Charles Olanyk

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN 1993 BIRTHS

1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
14	14	21	21	17

### MARRIAGES

1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
6	11	4	5	7

### DEATHS

1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
16	7	15	13	11

# PUBLIC WORKS

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This year has been a very busy year. It began with more snow than the past years and winter ended with a major blizzard dropping 20" of snow with a lot of drifting.

After the snow melted we began working on our summer projects. Over 3 miles of roads were chip sealed this year. Parts of North St. and Conway Rd. were leveled and sealed. Approximately 1 mile of River Rd. was overlaid with Bituminous Concrete (black top). The rebuilding of Christian Lane from Mill River to Chestnut Plain Rd., began and will be finished next year. Swamp Rd. bridge replacement was a major undertaking and was completed with a lot of coordination and many contractors. The box culvert that was installed will last for many years.

Looking ahead to next year Webber Road will see a lot of improvements. The City of Northampton will be installing a new water main to their reservoir. During construction many areas will be improved by better drainage and visibility.

I am again requesting a new truck to replace the 1983 truck. This truck is worn out, requiring us to spend more than it is worth to keep it going.

In closing I wish to thank my employees for their great work and dedication, also the residents for their understanding and helping when they can. I'm updating my list for any wishing fill, anyone interested see me.

Respectfully submitted

Keith Bardwell



*Highway Department employee Ronald Belder drives the loader to a worksite on Haydenville Rd.*



## REPORT OF THE WHATELY WATER COMMISSIONERS

In the past year the growth of the department has been slow, as the growth of the economy at large has slowed. Service connections increased by four, while consumption now approaches the twenty million gallon mark.

Income from water rates continues to rise. This past year over fifty thousand dollars was collected from water usage fees.

The twelve inch production well was brought on line during the summer months. The six inch well will now serve as the backup water source.

The Water Commissioners meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 P.M. in the Town Hall office.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Fleuriel, Chairman  
Karen Skroski  
George Bucala



*Water Department Superintendent Billy Smith on the job. Bill also wears the hats of Police Officer and School Committee Member for the Town of Whately.*

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

This fiscal year report will be my last. We thank Highway Supt. Keith Bardwell for his positive attitude and support to me in planning for the use of town equipment and crews to clean up and remove wood. This key eliminated leaving trash & wood beside roads for any extended time period and controlled tree removal timing. Thanks to his "gang" of positive thinkers. We thank Northeast Utilities for the immediate responses to our concerns without delay for six years. Most of all I thank the residents of Whately for understanding the work is seasonal, and for aiding us in eliminating town liability through advising us of trees menacing traveled ways, walkways and residences. All the above has prevented power failures, allowed safe traveled ways, made residents and homes secure, while eliminating town liabilities. Ten cord of firewood each year has gone to the town garage for heat. We thank the Board of Selectmen for not ever charging town equipment to my budget. The coordination of all has been the main basis of very smooth coordinated effort to rid the town of dead, dying and diseased maples planted 80 to 140 years ago. House cleaning is essential to keep Whately scenic.

A six year backlog of removal has now been eliminated, pruning of all smaller trees and new plantings is established and must continue, pruning of Town Hall and yard shrubbery has been added, new plantings were started in 1992 and must continue each year in moderation, traveled ways are moderately safe, requiring constant attention. U.Mass. forestry students have proven that fertilizing old trees is not applicable in dense stands and not at all near agriculture. All voted Scenic Roads have been treated with caution and may seem overcrowded, however the only concern here is health and cautious thinning. Stone walls in these and other areas have been sadly neglected. The Planning Board has failed to accept this area as their obligation when advised.

The backlog of work for the last six years, being mostly spring work, by necessity, has continuously caused an over run to the budget, and has been carried to the next fiscal budget. This excess was gradual and in small amounts, however in 1991-1992 was \$465, and in 1993-1994 amounted to \$1,500, in total for the last six years. We counter this over run with fact in that we leave \$893 of the 1993-1994 budget for storm or other work until 1 July, 94 the next new budget; we have sold several thousand dollars of wood, with funds given to the general fund; \$1,000 dollars was left in the budget, when Selectmen requested caution towards spending due to town financial conditions and small amounts of the budget have been returned at times. We consider the overall results as an obvious mathematical savings to the town.

The tree work must continue or the deterioration of six years ago will result. This may well present the next Tree Warden a challenge. I have and always will consider this work a necessity and essential towards keeping Whately's roads the scenic beauty they now are and safe.

I humbly request voting residents to approve the next town meeting Article which supplements Carl Brooks \$659.02 and Henry Baldwin \$857.22 for labor supporting tree work. This is not a budget increase.

Sincerely

Henry C. Baldwin

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

1993 has been an uneventful year for the Cemetery Commissioners. We have mowed, trimmed, and cared for your cemeteries.

Our budget was aided by a dry summer. We are hopeful money will be available to do some filling and reseeding areas in need.

Peter Hannum  
Fred Bardwell  
Adelia Bardwell

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### REPORT OF THE WHATELY FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the Whately Fire Department Report for 1993.

The Fire Department responded to a total of 126 calls for assistance in 1993.

46	Requests for fire apparatus
89	Requests for the ambulance

The figures below are for fire response only. A separate ambulance report will show its statistics.

Motor Vehicle	4	Alarm/Smoke Investigation	8
Fuel Spills	1	Brush/Grass	10
Assist Ambulance at Motor Vehicle accidents	13	False Alarms	2
Structure Fires	2	Chimney	2
<b>Mutual Aid:</b>			
Whately to other towns	2		
Other towns to Whately	2		



## Inspections and Permits:

Inspection of oil burning equipment	15
Inspection of oil tanks	6
Underground tank removal inspections	6
Smoke detector inspections	25
LPG Tank Inspections	25
Burning Permits issued	150

1993 was again a very busy year for your Fire Department During the year. (3) three major incidents were handled, which taxed the ability of the men and women of the Fire Department.

I would like to thank Lt. Alan Sanderson Jr. for his leadership at the Accident which claimed a life and cut phone service to the area. This call tested the whole department both mentally and physically.

New turnout gear was purchased during the year for some of the members, and we still need to purchase several new sets to outfit all members of the Fire Dept.

I would also like to remind all townspeople that the new house numbers that were issued in 1993 are extremely important for the implementation of 911. Not only for your needs, but the Fire and Police Departments needs as well.

We have a system that will provide for a fast response and less confusion when an emergency happens. Again I ask that all townspeople display and use the numbering system for your own well being.

The Whately Fire Department is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining us, contact any of the following department members.

Deputy Chief Keith Bardwell  
Deputy Chief Walter Puchalski  
EMS Director George Goodridge  
Asst. Director Carlye Wisnouskas  
Captain George Kennedy  
Captain Gary Stone  
Lieutenant Greg Gagnon  
Lieutenant Alan Sanderson Jr.  
Lieutenant Eric Wisnouskas  
Dept. Advisor Richard Hannum  
Dept. Advisor John Hannum  
Edward Ashman  
Wendy Bardwell

Larry Ashman  
Harlan Bean

Kim Bonaiuto  
Brenda Clemons  
Donald Dufault  
Debra Hannum  
Mary Hannum  
Scott Hutkoski  
Roger Kennedy  
James LaSalle  
Gary Longley  
Craig Nye  
Brad Sanderson  
Edward Santos  
William Smith  
John Talmage  
David Wojciechowski

Phil Bonaiuto  
Ward Clemons  
Gary Grybko  
Brian Hannum  
Peter Hannum  
John P. Kennedy  
James King  
John LaSalle  
Veronica Mard  
John Pilvinis  
Liz Scott  
Edward Skorupski  
Mary Wideman

The Whately Fire Department would like to thank James LaSalle for his 44 years of service to the Department. He will be missed.

I would like to thank all of the officers. EMS Director George Goodridge, the men and women of the Fire Department, the Board of Selectmen and their staff, the Police Chief and all of you who supported the Fire Department during the year.

We are still working on 911 and would like to remind all residents that to summon aid dial 772-2133 and remember to provide clear and concise information to our dispatcher.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy K. Sibley  
Fire Chief



*Fire Chief Randy Sibley helps shovel sand on the roadway after an accident*

## REPORT OF THE WHATELY AMBULANCE

During 1993 Whately E.M.T.'s responded to 89 calls transporting 93 patients as follows:

25	Motor Vehicle Accidents
57	Medical Emergencies
4	Drug, Alcohol, Assault related
3	Requests for Mutual Aid to other Towns

Whately continues to utilize paramedic intercept service from Northampton C.R.I.T., and we are currently working towards formal agreements with Mercy Ambulance providing Whately's patients with the best available care no matter which direction we transport.

Whately E.M.T.'s continue to improve their skill levels. We currently have seven E.M.T.'s in various stages of A.L.S Education.

Anyone interested in C.P.R., E.M.T., or First Aid Training can contact any member of our squad:

George Goodridge, EMS Coordinator  
Carlye Wisnouskas, Asst. Coordinator  
Mary Wideman, ALS Coordinator  
Gary Stone  
Mary Hannum  
John Hannum  
Eric Wisnouskas  
J.P. Kennedy  
Greg Gagnon  
Melanie Scoville

Brad Sanderson  
Kim Bonaiuto  
Ed Skorupski  
Doug Wells  
Brenda Clemons  
Liz Scott  
Veronica Mard  
Gary Langley  
Wendy Bardwell

Respectfully submitted,

Skip Goodridge  
EMS Coordinator



## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 1993 again witnessed continuing signs of change in the Whately Police Department. The Department continues to thrive mainly through the efforts and dedication of the police officers who donate much of their time to improving the department.

The Whately Police Department has taken a pro-active position choosing to heighten the presence of local police in the community as a deterrent to acts of vandalism and other crimes and to promote highway safety. The department also provides business security checks for homes, businesses and industries in town. Any resident wishing a check of their property while out of town should contact the Police Department at their new 772-2133 number to make arrangements.

The Police Department has also been active in following up on complaints made to the Board of Selectmen, particularly with regard to vehicular traffic speeding on local roads. In response to citizen complaints, the Police Department has conducted speed zoning surveys on various town roads, including Swamp and Haydenville Roads. The results have been submitted to the Massachusetts Highway Department which has the responsibility for setting speed limits on previously unposted roads.

Training and recertification of the department's force is ongoing. Two more officers have graduated from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council Academy in Agawam, Course for Part-time Officers. Officers Eric Wisnouskas and Eric Seaholm graduated in December and one of the officers tied for the highest scholastic honors in the class.



*New graduates of the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council in Agawam Course for Reserve Officers: Officer Eric Seaholm and Officer Eric Wisnouskas. Wisnouskas was one of the two officers in the class that received the highest grade. Congratulations and thanks to both men.*

A reminder to all residents, that however active the police force may be, the Massachusetts State Police is the primary law enforcement agency in town. A new emergency number to access all emergency personnel — police, fire and ambulance will be in place for May 1, 1994. New telephone stickers will be issued with the town reports and residents should use that number for all emergencies. Eventually, the town will be on line with the statewide Enhanced 9-1-1 at which point 911 will become the primary emergency number.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the officers who donate their time to the Town of Whately to carry out these important public safety functions.

1993

Firearm Permits	62
Summons/Restraining Orders	55
Accident Investigations	4
Security Alarm Responses	23
Calls Received — Complaints/Information Requests	307
Assist Other Police Departments	36
Traffic Duty	246

Respectfully submitted,

Harold R. Swift, Jr.  
Chief of Police



*Whately Highway Department instaling water main over Swamp Road Bridge.*

## REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The year 1993 has been a year where this department has been put to use on two different occasions.

We all remember our first blizzard of '93 on March 13 through March 17, at which time our E.O.C. (Emergency Operation Center), located at the Center School Offices, was manned by myself, our Assistant Emergency Manager Bill Smith, Police Chief Harold Swift, Fire Chief Randy Sibley, the Selectmen, and other Police Officers. A portable generator was available on site if the need arose to have power for light, and/or heat, and communications with Police, Fire, and Highway Department vehicles. The E.O.C. was manned for a period of 20 hours with no incidents other than Highway Department truck problems, and an Ambulance run during storm hours.

On April 24, 1993 we assisted the Police Department with traffic control and detours as well as the exposure of Fire Department vehicles patrolling the town ways to be available for an emergency due to the town wide outage of phone service as a result of an accident on Rt 5 & 10 in Whately.

Our standing policy in the event of serious power outages or phone service outages is to have the town traversed by the Fire Department vehicles and/or Highway Department trucks for the purpose of informing residents of a pending problem relating to emergency and public safety.

Emergency information will be broadcast on WHMP AM-FM Radio as well as being available at the E.O.C. (Center School Offices). With the help of the Fire Department, we have acquired a government surplus generator set to be permanently installed at our E.O.C. to provide power in an emergency.

I would like to thank all parties involved this past year for their role in these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Ai S. Annis, Jr.

Emergency Management Director



## REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

Unlicensed dogs were a problem once again this year. 68 dog owners did not license their dogs by June 1. Due to the efforts of Susan Wright, Administrative Assistant \$750.00 was collected in late fees.

Three complaints about unrestrained dogs were dealt with by the Board of Selectmen when repeated attempts by this department. brought no results. Although there is no leash law in Whately common sense and respect for your neighbors goes a long way.

All pet owners are required by law to have their pets vaccinated against rabies, due to the outbreak of rabies in this area it is more important then ever to do so. Dog licenses will be available about April 1. You must license your dog by June 1, 1994 to avoid late fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Mahar  
Dog Officer



**TOP DOG FOR 1993**

"Star", a ten year old poodle mix, owned by Lester Hancock of Christian Lane, is the "Top Dog of the Year" in Whately for 1993. Star was chosen from a field of 265 dogs that acquired their 1993 Dog licenses by the June 1 deadline.

The "Top Dog of the Year" Contest was initiated to bring attention to dog licensing deadlines. Each year, only those dogs that have received their licenses by the June 1 deadline are eligible to have their dog named "Top Dog" in the ensuing town report, picked from a hat. The winner then receives a congratulatory box of doggie bones from the Board of Selectmen as well as a complimentary copy of the town report.

"Star's" favorite activities, according to his owners are riding on the golf cart and swimming at the lake. Although "Star" has reportedly taken his fame in stride, he is looking forward to the award ceremony scheduled for April 1994.

# **PUBLIC HEALTH**

## **REPORT OF THE FOOTHILLS HEALTH DISTRICT**

The Foothills Health District has continued to give its Communities the best service possible considering strict financial limitations and lack of modern day office equipment. It's commitment to protect local resources and the quality of rural life has been provided at an actual cost of \$3.00 to \$5.40 per person this year. The District has continued with its sponsorship of local seminars, educating school departments, town officials, and others. It has developed liaisons with other public and environmental health associations and strengthened its working relationship with pre-existing partnerships.

The District in association with the Greater Franklin County Tobacco Control Coalition which includes the Community Coalition for Teens, the Greater Franklin County Partnership for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse, has applied for and received a \$130,000 grant from the Department of Public Health to promote tobacco control programs within the participating towns. The Tobacco Grant was submitted by the Town of Greenfield on behalf of the Franklin County local Boards of Health Partnership, which includes thirty towns in Franklin County and the towns of Goshen and Williamsburg. These towns were included in the Grant due to their membership in the Foothills Health District. Prior to the coordinated efforts of the agencies mentioned above, there has been no coordinated support system or resources to promote tobacco free programs. The implementation of the Grant will take place the coming year.

The District members and employees would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Townspeople for their continued support. The District welcomes any comments on local health issues which you would like to see addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Barry  
Health Agent

## **REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

To the Residents of FCSWMD member communities:

Your Solid Waste Management District continues to make major strides toward our overall goals of waste reduction, recycling, education, and long-term waste disposal.

Our plastics recycling program expanded the range of eligible plastics to include all plastic containers with a recycling number on the bottom. We now keep more than 7 tons every month—400 cubic yards—of plastic out of our landfills. Contamination caused by unrinsed containers has been the major problem with the program.

The District's second annual collection of Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) last November served just under 400 households in fourteen towns. This year for the first time, all forms of paint were accepted to be recycled—even the paint cans were recycled.

Our new Education Coordinator, Lynn Ross, moved into high gear on a number of fronts, including home composting education, school recycling programs, business recycling, institutional food waste composting, and data collection. As part of a federal grant, municipal solid waste management guides were distributed to all member towns. We sponsored a series of workshops for area businesses, promoting recycling and waste reduction at the business level. In addition, recycling markets directories are now available to local businesses. We received several educational grants, and have applied for more for next year.

The District took an active role in encouraging the development of a privately-funded solid waste and sludge composting facility in Northfield. The proposed facility received the go-ahead from MEPA in mid-winter. If all goes smoothly, the facility could be operational by the fall of 1995. We are negotiating a contract to enable our towns to use the facility at a reduced tip fee.

The District Administrator worked with other western Mass. officials on drafting a new, five-year agreement for the MRF in Springfield. Details are still being negotiated, but it appears that free tipping at the MRF will continue for the next five years—although several performances standards will be required. A recycling education fund will be created using both local and state money. The Town of Conway voted to join the District, bringing our number of member towns to 21. Our volunteer representatives from all the towns continue to wrestle with the complex questions of solid waste management. We appreciate your continuing interest and support.

Charles Sylvester, Chair  
Robert Rottenberg, Administrator



# INSPECTION SERVICES

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

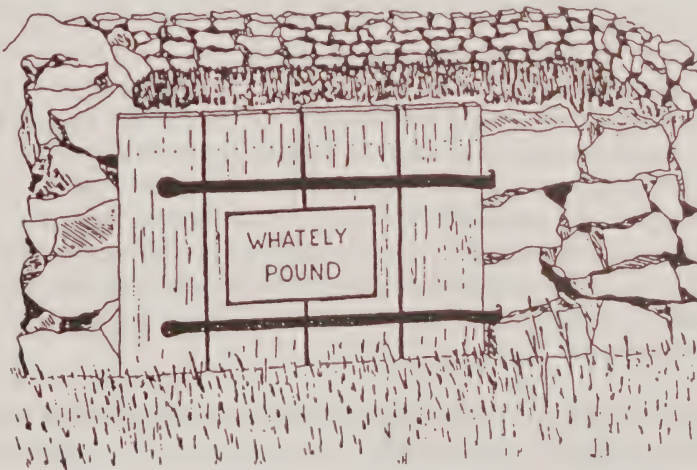
My 1993 Animal Inspection shows the following animals in the Town of Whately:

Dairy Cattle	254 hd
Beef Cattle	98 hd
Oxen	6 pr
Donkeys	8 hd
Horses	58 hd
Ponies	4 hd
Goats	6 hd
Sheep	50 hd
Swine	42 hd

38 premises were inspected, all were found to meet the requirements of the Mass. Division of Animal Health. All required reports have been made to the Division of Animal Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Mahar  
Inspector of Animals



*Whately is the only Town in the Commonwealth to have a poundkeeper today. The pound was established a few days after it was incorporated. It was 40 square feet. Any livestock found roaming at large were caught and held in the pound. A fee of 2 shillings was charged for its return. For easy identification each family had a registered earmark, cut into the ears of livestock. These were recorded and kept in the Town Clerk's office.*

# **REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM**

## **Annual Report — Fiscal Year 1993**

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the Building Inspection portion of the FCCIP for FY '93. The total number of building permits decreased by 5% from FY '92, with the total project valuation remaining the same.

The number of housing starts within the Cooperative Building Inspection Program have increased 2% from FY '92, to a total of 87 dwelling units. Shutesbury, Conway, Leverett, Ashfield, and Bernardston were the most active towns, accounting for 65% of the housing starts and 45% of the overall building permits.

The FCCIP Board of Directors voted for the implementation of a Zoning Request Form in FY '93, which is primarily focused at determining the status of a nonconforming lot ("grandfathered" lot), in accordance with zoning, without the need for a complete permit application to initiate the process. This form may also be used to review a more complex zoning issue that is not readily apparent within the local zoning bylaws.

The Mass. Dept. of Public Safety has allocated funds for the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to hire several more state level Building Inspectors, (bringing the statewide total to 12), who not only oversee state buildings and hospitals, but are a great source of technical assistance for all local inspectors.

FY '93 witnessed the adoption of MGL Chapter 168 of the Acts of 1992 which requires all Inspectors of Buildings, Building Commissioners, and Local Inspectors to be state certified. As standard practice, all who are legally acting in a capacity as a building official on November 12, 1992, were automatically certified in their specific position. All persons hired after November, 1992, must be certified, or become certified with certain qualifications, including passing a series of nationally accepted examinations. The demands placed on building officials are increasingly more critical, as safety and structure are combined with engineering and economics in trying to attain a maximum with a minimum. Not only is there an examination process for building official candidates, but all building officials, old and new alike, must maintain a certified status through specific continuing education courses and seminars.

I would like to thank all of the residents,builders, town officials, and boards for their assistance, guidance, and patience through FY '93. I look forward to continuing to serve the member communities of the Cooperative.

Victor E. Staley  
Inspector of Buildings

**F.C.C.B.I.P.**  
**FISCAL YEAR REPORT '93**  
**FROM JULY 1, 1992 TO JUNE 30, 1993**

Town	Permits	Value	Dwelling Units*	Permit Fees	Certif. Of Occ.	Certif. Of Inspec. Issued °	C.I. Fees	Other Fees	Total Fees
Ashfield	72	1,363,025	8	7,635	9	11	160	40	7,835
Bernardston	69	1,344,818	8	7,345	13	17	320	20	7,685
Buckland	59	853,545	4	4,851	10	11	120	—	4,971
Charlemont	49	612,155	3	3,491	3	21	284	—	—3,775
Conway	74	2,109,876	14	10,945	19	7	135	20	11,100
Erving	48	756,328	6	4,390	5	11	370	—	4,760
Gill	54	792,531	3	5,040	5	30	1,353	30	6,423
Hawley	22	436,355	3	2,205	4	1	—	—	2,205
Heath	34	550,495	2	2,975	5	4	—	—	2,975
Leverett	52	1,483,178	9	7,880	12	6	70	—	7,950
Leyden	18	340,306	2	1,810	4	4	15	—	1,825
Monroe	10	12,800	-	180	—	—	—	—	180
Shelburne	65	789,657	1	4,523	14	37	1,180	10	5,713
Shutesbury	67	2,310,121	18	11,380	16	10	264	10.25	11,654.25
Whately	53	1,540,051	6	7,495	9	15	440	20	7,955
Totals	746	\$15,295,241	87	\$82,145	128	185	4,711	150.25	\$87,006.25

- ° These figures reflect only those inspections which receive Certificates. Many other inspections are performed by B.I. but for various reasons no Certificates were issued.
- \* 2-Family and Multi-dwellings are issued only one permit per building.  
 "Other Fees" reflect reinspections and duplications of permits and C.O.'s



**REPORT OF THE  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE  
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTION PROGRAM**

**ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1993**

Dear Member Town,

Enclosed is a report of the Plumbing/Gas permit and fee activity for Fiscal Year 1993. Again, most permits have been for repairs and renovations. There is much plumbing work/installations being done, that require permits, for which permits/fees are not being submitted. I will be making a strong effort in FY 1994 to rectify this situation. A review of the numbers since the Program's inception shows the following:

FY 1987	336	permits	\$12,056.00	fees
FY 1988	719	"	\$22,218.00	"
FY 1989	596	"	\$23,447.00	"
FY 1990	632	"	\$26,050.00	"
FY 1991	591	"	\$26,409.00	"
FY 1992	527	"	\$23,319.00	"
FY 1993	467	"	\$20,899.00	"

Thank you to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Sincerely,

Paulin J. Bukowski  
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

**FISCAL YEAR 1993 REPORT**

	<b>1992 Fees 7/1-12/31</b>	<b>1992 Permits 7/1-12/31</b>	<b>1993 Fees 1/1-6/30</b>	<b>1993 Permits Permits</b>	<b>FY'93 Total Fees</b>	<b>FY'93 Total</b>
Ashfield	\$1,405.00	32	\$903.00	21	53	\$2,308.00
Bernardston	1,914.00	43	1,114.00	27	70	3,028.00
Buckland	1,369.00	38	584.00	11	49	1,953.00
Charlemont	435.00	13	355.00	5	18	790.00
Conway	2,217.00	44	925.00	21	65	3,142.00
Erving	343.00	6	434.00	10	16	777.00
Hawley	562.00	13	86.00	2	15	648.00
Heath	762.00	16	446.00	7	23	1,208.00
Leverett	1,762.00	41	958.00	21	62	2,720.00
Leyden	465.00	11	559.00	11	22	1,024.00
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelburne	1,438.00	36	232.00	7	43	1,670.00
Whately	1,109.00	21	522.00	10	31	1,631.00
Totals	13,781.00	314	\$7,118.00	153	467	\$20,899.00

# ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1993

## REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE WIRING INSPECTION PROGRAM

Dear Member Town,

The enclosed report is for Fiscal Year 1993, and reflects Wiring permit and fee activity for all member towns. A review of the number of permits and fees collected each fiscal year since the Program began shows the following:

FY 1987	485	Permits	\$18,404.12	Fees
FY 1988	600	"	\$25,194.25	"
FY 1989	670	"	\$27,125.00	"
FY 1990	630	"	\$27,792.00	"
FY 1991	629	"	\$30,812.00	"
FY 1992	667	"	\$28,638.13	"
FY 1993	617	"	\$26,659.50	"

Thanks to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Marchefka  
Wiring Inspector

### Fiscal Year 1993 Report

	Fy 1993 Fees 7/1-12/31/92	Fy 1993 Permits 7/1-13/31/92	Fy 1993 Fees 1/1-6/30/93	Fy 1993 Permits 1/1-6/30/93	Fy 1993 Total Permits	Fy 1993 Total Fees
Ashfield	\$1,550.25	40	\$900.00	19	59	\$2,450.25
Bernardston	1,190.25	32	1,335.00	28	60	2,525.25
Buckland	1,105.00	33	540.00	14	47	1,645.00
Charlemont	1,263.00	32	810.00	13	45	2,073.00
Conway	1,365.00	34	770.00	16	50	2,135.00
Erving	680.00	18	1,415.00	21	39	2,095.00
Hawley	570.00	13	225.00	5	18	795.00
Heath	1,220.00	29	455.00	13	42	1,675.00
Leverett	1,200.00	30	965.00	18	48	2,165.00
Monroe	0	0	35.00	1	1	35.00
Northfield	1,375.00	34	1,900.00	37	71	3,275.00
Shelburne	1,141.00	31	1,175.00	28	59	2,316.00
Wendell	940.00	17	955.00	26	43	1,895.00
Whately	1,315.00	28	265.00	7	35	1,580.00
Totals	14,914.50	371	11,745.00	246	617	26,659.50

# **SOCIAL SERVICES**

## **REPORT OF THE S. WHITE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

### **Board of Trustees**

A highlight of the Library's 1993 year was the dedication of a custom built book shelf donated by the Whately Lions Club in recognition of Doug MacDonald's service to the Whately Community. The Trustees are again grateful to the residents of Whately whose continued support makes the library an important community resource.

In addition, the Trustees work to maintain the physical plant of the Library. A section of the roof was repaired to prevent further leaks, the electrical system was evaluated and necessary repairs made. The Trustees continue to work on issues of compliance with the ADA.

The Trustees are thankful to Nancy Marchefka, Librarian, for her enthusiasm and hard work. Once again the summer reading program was well received and attended.

The Trustees of the library meet the first Thursday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Saunders, Chair  
Merit White  
Anita Husted  
Blanche Cooney  
Maureen Litwin  
Herbert Steeper



**S. WHITE DICKINSON LIBRARY**  
**Librarian's annual Report 1993**

**STATISTICS**

**CIRCULATION**

Adult and Juvenile: books, audio, periodicals, and videocassettes	21,898
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**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Adult and Juvenile and interlibrary loan	6,563
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**BOOK COLLECTION**

December 1993	14,520
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**FINES**

Collected	152
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Expenses	132
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**REGISTERED BORROWERS**

1,182

**BEHIND THE STATISTICS**

**REFERENCE QUESTIONS**

Social issues, Civil War, World War I and II, cooking, pets, gardening and parenting.

**SUMMER READING \*93** Theme: "SAIL ON A SEA OF BOOKS" WMRLS provided incentive packages for the children. Seventy children completed the program. Debbie Cuthbert entertained the children and parents. This program was sponsored from a grant by the Whately Cultural Council. Gifts were donated by G. Atkins and family, and J. and P. Cheney.

We are grateful for friends who helped during the year: E. Fritsch, G. Bardwell, J. Ross and family, Whately Lions and Lionesses, J. and A. LaSalle, Ed Farrick, F. Symanski, J. Filipdowski, Whately Cultural Council, J. Ostrowski, J. Mason and the Whately Moles (4-H), J. Dwight, B. Richards, E. Dwight, W. Brooks, C. Johnson and family, M. Nickerson.

Our dedicated volunteer, Alice Grafflin, whose skills are appreciated by all the staff and trustees of the library.

The library staff appreciate the support of the community it serves.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Marchefka, Librarian

## REPORT OF THE FRONTIER SENIOR CENTER

As Co-director at the Senior Center, we would like to report that 481 people are using our center.

These are the numbers for the year.

8,619	Congregate meals served
7,567	Home delivered meals
1,542	Bus service.

1,943 Unit of service to seniors, these are flu, blood pressure, eye and ear clinics.

Twice a week we have fitness exercise classes. Trips are planned throughout the year. These trips are paid for by the people themselves. We take these trips with the Hatfield Senior Center. We have an active craft group that work hard. Any money they bring in goes to buy extras for our center. We have many speakers to keep us informed on law and health changes. Brown bags are distributed from our center each month.

Each year we adopt two needy families for Christmas. With the Boy Scouts and Betty Hollingsworth's help, we gave them a great Christmas this year.

The seniors again want to thank our three towns for all their help to give us a great place to get together each day for friendship, food and also a place to keep themselves busy.

This past year we updated our building with many repairs, a dishwasher, flooring was replaced and a lot of work done on our two entrances.

Our center has a director on duty three hours a day. The directors job is to keep daily programs going, send in weekly information to the newspapers, keeping supplies in stock, handling any problems that arise promptly as well as help the meal site manager when necessary. The directors also set up the various clinics and speakers as well as doing the grant paperwork and keeping the center running smoothly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Piepiora  
Shirley Pielock  
Co-Directors

**REPORT OF THE ELECTOR UNDER THE WILL OF OLIVER SMITH**

During the past year thirty-five tradespersons were indentured. Loans of \$600. each were made to twenty-six apprentices; the notes of thirty-two tradespersons have been surrendered and the benefit of \$600 granted to each. Three student nurses have been enrolled under the Student Nurse Program; Seven girls who served their apprenticeships have received the nurse's gift of \$600. Sixty-six widows have been paid; and one hundred fifty-one brides have received the marriage gift of \$100 each. The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$117,574.00, and in addition \$17,362.14 has been paid to the City of Northampton for the account of Smith's Agricultural School, being the net amount from the permanent fund established for the school.

Since provisions of the Will went into effect, the beneficiaries of the nine communities have been paid:

Indigent Tradespersons	\$2,128,000
Indigent Nurses & LPN's	669,933
Indigent Widows	1,414,942
Indigent Young Women	1,409,700
Smith's Agricultural School	1,256,046
Annuities	35,374
Taxes	608,309
 Total Payments	 \$7,522,304

All mortgage payments have been made promptly, and all outstanding loans are up to date.

**FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SMITH CHARITIES**

Northampton, Massachusetts  
Established 1848

Respectfully,

Edward R. Farrick

Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith  
Any Questions pertaining to Smith Charities  
I can be contacted at 665-2518 or 665-7697



## **SMITH CHARITIES~A BRIEF HISTORY**

### **The Famous Oliver Smith Will**

Historians claim that every man is a reflection of the times in which he lives. Occasionally, however, there is born a man who apparently comprehends the value of methods still untried, of theories yet unproved. Such a man was Oliver Smith, a shrewd and successful farmer from Hatfield, Massachusetts who died in 1845, leaving the most extraordinary will ever filed in a Massachusetts Court.

The provisions of the will established a \$400,00 Trust, which has paid out over \$7,000,000 to qualified recipients from nine communities. The Beneficiaries, as amended, enumerated as young men and women apprenticed to a trade, widows with children, brides, and nurses. Further provisions of the will established Smith Vocational School in Northampton and a \$10,000 fund was set aside for the American Colonization society to aid free slaves.

### **The Great Trial**

In 1847, the heirs of Oliver Smith secured the services of an eminent Rufus Choate to contest the will at a Supreme Court trial held in Northampton. The Trustees of Smith Charities engaged the brilliant Daniel Webster, who successfully defended the provisions of the will.

### **The Results of The Smith Charities**

It would be impossible to accurately measure the benefits which the town and their residents have derived, directly or indirectly, from the Smith Charities since 1848.

No one can appraise the value of an annual cash gift to a widow; rearing a family, or the 25,000 young women that started their marriage with The Smith Charities Bridal Gift. Only the young craft persons can know the real worth of the money which helps them establish a business or buys them the tools of their trade.

The Will of Oliver Smith made another farsighted contribution in a strongly worded passage that set forth a demand for religious, racial, and political tolerance in the bestowment of the benefits. Succeeding generations marvel at the foresight and keen perception of a many which is confirmed by the passing years.

### **Smith Charities provides assistance to eligible persons in Whately.**

All beneficiaries have to be of good moral character, moderated financial circumstances and domiciled in one of the following communities: Northampton, Easthampton, Hadley, Amherst, Hatfield, Williamsburg, Whately, Deerfield and Greenfield.

**TRADESPERSONS**

- Rules:**
- 1. Apply before 19th birthday
  - 2. Serve a trade apprenticeship until age 21
  - 3. \$600 placed in a bank from age 21 to age 22.
  - 4. Interest of 5% on the \$600 for one year will be paid to Smith Charities.
- Benefit:** Annual determination at age 22.

**NURSES:**

- Rules:**
- 1. Apply before 21st birthday
  - 2. Application received by Smith Charities within 6 months after entering nursing school.
  - 3. Graduate with an R.N. Degree
- Benefit:** Annual determination

**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES:**

- Rules:**
- 1. Apply before 21st birthday
  - 2. Application received by Smith Charities with 6 months after entering L.P.N. School.
  - 3. Graduate with an L.P.N. Degree
  - 4. Serve one year in the nursing vocation.
- Benefit:** Annual determination

**BRIDES:**

- Rules:**
- 1. First marriage only.
  - 2. Apply between ages of 18 and 45
  - 3. Application received by Smith Charities within 90 days after the marriage.
- Benefit:** \$100.00

**WIDOWS:**

- Rules:**
- 1.. Have at least one child under 18 years of age
  - 2. Benefit ceases when youngest child becomes 18
  - 3. Benefit ceases if widow moves from eligible community, or remarries.
- Benefit:** \$200.00 annually

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

The activity at the Whately Youth and Community Center has continued with the regular use by the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Cub Scouts. These organizations had returned during the Fall of 1992 and have used the building on a regular basis in 1993. The center has also been used for additional youth basketball practices and by the teenagers of our community for playing basketball on weekends.

The youth and community center have also continued to receive attention to the interior with the addition of new cabinets donated by Merillat Industries Inc. This has enhanced the appearance of the entrance room of the center for years to come.

The Commission will continue with its plans updating and maintaining the youth and community center with continuing improvements to the interior and exterior. The current and future improvements will continue to make the center a valuable alternative for youth and adult programs, group meetings, etc. for the townspeople of Whately. For the use of the center, contact the Chairman of the Commission.

Lastly, the Commission would like to thank the Scouts and all the people who donated material or time to help in the continued facelift of the center. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Merillat Industries Inc. for all their help over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Duda, Chairman  
Karen Duda  
Carlye Wisnouskas  
Carl Adamski  
Edward Ashman



## REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN BEACH COMMITTEE

The commissioners of Tri-Town Beach are happy to report we had a wonderful season. Our enrollment in the swim program provided for by the Deerfield and Whately recreational departments is on the rise. We had over two hundred children enrolled last season, with three instructors. We want to thank the instructors, Katherine and Jennifer Burriell and John Paciorek Jr., for an outstanding job. People in Whately must remember they are being charged individually for the program.

Our life guards deserve much praise for a job well done. They are: Brenden Smith, Michelle August, Josh Maurer, Kim Blanchard and John Paciorek Jr. Also we have three other people who have to deal with all kinds of complaints each and every day of the season, they are: Diane Skroski, Sarah Novotny, and Gregory Payuer. These people do an outstanding job collecting money for seasonal passes and check all vehicles for stickers. A great thanks to all of our help.

At this time the beach commissioners are checking into liability insurance, which cannot be avoided. Each town will pay a percentage for this coverage.

We are looking forward to another great season. Our bath house has to be upgraded to handicap accessibility by 1995. We are now getting bids from local contractors to do the job.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharyn A. Paciorek  
Chairman

Commissioners:  
Katie Ross, Whately  
Betty Orloski, Whately  
Bill Skoroski, Whately  
Sharyn A. Paciorek Deerfield  
Blake Gilmore, Deerfield  
Edith Ostrowski, Deerfield

## REPORT OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

The Americans with Disabilities Committee was formed following a town meeting vote to establish a committee to further the requirements and aims of the federally enacted Americans with Disabilities Act. On January 26, 1992, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Law 101-336, became effective. As such, municipalities as employers and governmental entities must meet new standards to ensure comprehensive civil rights protection to individuals with disabilities. The ADA provides that state and local governments may not discriminate on the basis of disability against a qualified individual with a disability in the services, programs or activities it provides.

The ADA requires that the town develop two plans. The first is a Self-Evaluation of the town's current services, policies and practices to identify which are not consistent with the ADA. The second plan is a Transition Plan which will detail any structural changes that must be made to the town's buildings to accommodate disabled persons.

The Committee is currently working on both plans. The Transition Plan is almost complete and will detail the priorities for structural changes. The self-evaluation plan is also in progress and the committee is specifically looking for input from residents with disabilities regarding what services and accommodations are necessary for participation or utilization of town services and programs.

The ADA Committee generally meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Elementary School at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Sluter, Chairman  
Janet Cohan  
Merit White  
Ralph Farrick  
Susan Wright, Town Administrator  
and ADA Coordinator.

# **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The Whately Planning Board and the Center for Rural Massachusetts, under the guidance of Tom Litwin, has completed Phase I of the Whately Master Plan. The Planning Board and the Master Planning Committee wish to thank the many town residents that participated in the process of the draft completion and look forward to their continued support in the future.

The Planning Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Peter Crisci and Richard Smith as Chair and Co-Chair respectively and sincerely thank them for their past performance and continued support, as they remain active participants on the Board.

The Planning Board will continue to work on the Master Planning process and other town wide issues through the site plan review process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul McEnaney, Chair  
Peter Crisci  
Richard Smith  
Thomas Litwin  
Fred Bardwell  
Frank Marchand  
Peter DeGregorio



## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

1993 was a very challenging year for the Whately Conservation Commission. Our committee conducted several hearings on proposed alterations to resource areas. Each was carefully researched and decisions were rendered. We also investigated several violations of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

It is important for everyone to know that as the demand for buildable land increases, so does the danger of invading our valuable resource areas. These areas are protected by the laws of the Commonwealth and we as a committee are charged with the responsibility of enforcing these laws

As a guideline, no work can take place in a resource area or within a 100 foot boundary around the resource area without first consulting with the Conservation Commission. The most common protected areas in Whately are lakes, ponds, streams, brooks and swamps. All of the necessary application forms are available at the Center School Offices. Our committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Ross, Chairman  
Edward Farrick  
Alan Tilton  
Robert August  
William Skroski

## **REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

During this past year the Zoning Board of Appeals held monthly meetings during which 8 petitions were presented for the Board's consideration. Four requests for special permits were reviewed with 2 special permits being granted, 1 special permit denied and 1 special permit request withdrawn. Two requests for variances were received and both were denied. The Board also held a hearing during which an appeal of a decision of the Building Inspector was heard and the decision was over-ruled by the Zoning Board.

A previous ZBA decision was remanded to the Board by the Franklin County District Court. After a new hearing, a subsequent decision was made by the Board which upheld its previous decision to grant a special permit.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Koch  
Chairman

## REPORT OF THE WHATELY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Whately Historical Commission, in response to the Master Plan Committee, oversaw a matching grant from Massachusetts Historical Commission for a comprehensive historic survey of Whately.

Commonwealth Collaborative of Leominster, Mass. has inventoried, documented and photographed approximately 150 historic sites and homes in Whately.

This document was presented to the Town and may be found in the library and Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L Annis  
Fred Bardwell  
Bruce Walker  
Maureen Dwyer  
Julie Sanderson



*This ten gallon ice-jar was made in Whately around 1850 by the potters David Dwight Wells, Edward Alonzo and Issac Newton Wells. Back then it sold for .25 per gallon, or \$2.50. The potters ground the clay, mixed the "Albany" slip, prepared the cobalt slip, formed the ware, decorated it and fired it to thirty two hundred degrees and then shoveled in the salt, allowing it to vaporize and cover it all touched. The firing was slowly allowed to cool for three days before was ready for removal and then sale. This piece of stoneware is extremely rare, having been made for only one year. This ice-jar may be seen at the Whately Historical Society Museum at the Center School on Sunday afternoons. Photo by Hans Fritsch*

## REPORT OF THE WHATELY MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Whately Master Planning Committee completed 1992 by holding two public meetings which addressed natural resource and farmland preservation. The public meeting process was continued into 1993 with meetings being held to discuss residential and affordable housing, commercial/industrial development, and historic preservation. The Center for Rural Massachusetts (CRM) continued to work with the Master Planning Committee, producing a draft report and summary of the public meeting results. The Committee spent Fall 1993 evaluating the report and its recommendations. A second draft of the Town's Master Plan will be presented to the Committee in February 1994 by CRM. A review of the second draft will result in the production of the final report, which will be presented for public review and comment in late Spring 1994.

An early finding of the planning process is Whately's shortage of affordable housing. The Master Planning Committee, in cooperation with the Franklin County Housing Authority, recommended to the Board of Selectman that the Smykes House be renovated with County funding into a two apartment elderly housing unit. The Smykes House is adjacent to the Post Office and is owned by the Town. The Selectmen accepted the recommendation in concept and are working with the County to clarify the details of the arrangement.

The Whately Town Historic and Cultural Comprehensive Survey was completed in 1993 and includes the evaluation of approximately 140 historic structures within the Town. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has accepted the report as the Town's official historic survey. Copies of the report can be viewed at the Historical Society and S. White Dickinson Library. The project was made possible through the generous contributions of the Whately Historical Society, Whately Grange, Whately Lionesses, Harry T. Peters Trust, and Massachusetts Historical Commission. The Master Planning Committee extends congratulations to the Historic Preservation Subcommittee (Carol Annis, Henry Baldwin, Adelia Bardwell, Tom Litwin, Julie Sanderson) for their successful management and completion of this important project. Congratulations are also extended to Diane Siergie and Commonweal Collaborative of Leominster, MA., for the production of an excellent report.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Litwin, Chair



# **SCHOOLS:**

## **WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT**

### **WHATELY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Carol Olanyk, Chair	Term Expires 1994
Patricia Bell-Loughrey, Member	Term Expires 1996
* Teresa Billiel, Secretary	Term Expires 1995
* Representative to the Frontier Regional School Committee	

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Superintendent	John J. Welch, Ed.D.
Business Manager	Donald M. Scott
Special Services Director	Grover C. Gentry, Jr.
Administrative Secretary	Judith Wood
Administrative Secretary	Mary Ann Gagen
Special Services Secretary	Janet Morris
Bookkeeper, Union #38	Paula Light
Bookkeeper, Grants	Stephen Shepherd
Principal	Donald Skroski
Secretary	Pam Mathieu

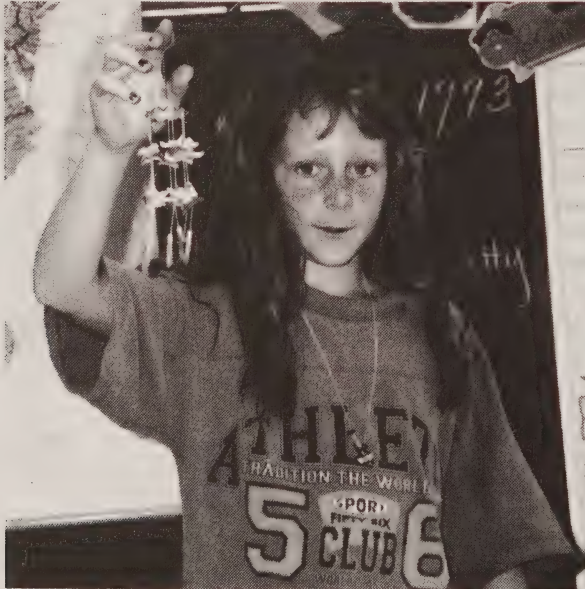
### **ENROLLMENT — OCTOBER 1, 1993**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>
Pre K	5	7	12
K	12	7	19
1	12	9	21
2	9	7	16
3	9	5	14
4	9	13	22
5	11	9	20
6	16	6	22
TOTAL	83	63	146

**UNION #38  
SALARY SCHEDULE**

**September 1993 ~ June 1994**

STEP	B	B+15	M	M+15	M+30
1	21,653	22,330	23,027	23,747	24,489
2	22,330	23,027	23,747	24,489	25,254
3	23,027	23,747	24,489	25,254	26,044
4	23,747	24,489	25,254	26,044	26,044
5	24,489	25,254	26,044	26,858	27,697
6	25,254	26,044	26,858	27,697	28,562
7	26,044	26,858	27,697	28,562	29,455
8	26,858	27,697	28,562	29,455	30,375
9	27,697	28,562	29,455	30,375	31,325
10	28,562	29,455	30,375	31,325	32,303
11	29,455	30,375	31,325	32,303	33,313
12	30,375	31,325	32,303	33,313	34,354
13	31,325	32,303	33,313	34,354	35,428
14	33,453	34,463	35,704	36,778	38,235



*Molly Robinson, Grade 4*

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
TOWN OF WHATELY  
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**SUMMARY OF  
BUDGET RELATED EXPENDITURES  
JULY 1, 1992~JUNE 30, 1993**

		<b>REGULAR BUDGET</b>	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1000	Administration	\$25,890.00	\$4,363.00	\$30,253.00
2000	Instruction	381,898.00	54,606.00	436,504.00
3000	Other School Services	60,063.00	8,926.00	68,989.00
4000	Operation and Maintenance	72,596.00	-0-	72,596.00
5000	Fixed Charges	3,475.00	-0-	3,475.00
6000	Community Services	-0-	-0-	-0-
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Asset	1,971.00	-0-	1,971.00
9000	Programs with other Dist.	-0-	7,513.00	7,513.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$545,893.00</b>	<b>\$75,408.00</b>	<b>\$621,301.00</b>



*Alison Bernier, Whately Kindergarten*



**Teachers:**

Pre-K — Mrs. Susan Yurgielewicz

K — Ms. Laurie Devault

1 — Ms. Ann Collette

2 — Mrs. Kathy O'Rourke (Mrs. Swift retired effective Sept. 1, 1993)

3 — Mrs. Patricia Bell

4 — Mrs. Linda Gorey

5 — Mr. James Bielunis

6 — Mr. Thomas Bell

Resource Room — Mrs. Sandra Field resigned November. Mrs. Susan Hurley hired to replace her.

**Part-time Teachers:**

Vocal Music — Mrs. Deborah Campbell

Instrumental Music — Mr. Edmond Byrne

P.E. — Mrs. Marcia Willard

Art — Mrs. Pauline Grinnan

Guidance Counselor — Mrs. Eve Eisman

School Psychologist — Ms. Susan Holland

Speech Therapist — Mrs. Amy Pilger resigned effective December

**Other Personnel:**

Dr. John Welch — Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Donald A. Skroski — Principal

Mrs. Pamela Mathieu — Secretary to Principal

Mrs. Karen Duda — Cafeteria Manager

Mrs. Joanne Frazier — Cafeteria Assistant

Mrs. Alice Maiewski — School Nurse

Mr. Ralph Lovering — Custodian/Attendance Officer

Mr. Richard Woloss — Part-time Custodian

Mrs. Maureen Antaya — Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

Mrs. Carol Hutkoski — Chapter I Tutor, Instructional Aide, Lunch Monitor

Mrs. Lola Stone — School Aide, Lunch Monitor

Ms. Leah Mermelstein — Part-time Remedial Reading Tutor

Ms. Diane Fabig — Occupational Therapist, Laurie Olson-Porter resigned Nov.

Mrs. Karen Phillipino — Speech Aide

Mrs. Gretchen Law — Speech Aide

Mrs. Irene Merz — Pre-School Aide

Ms. Stephanie Grayson — SPED Assistant

**School Events:**

**Jan. 1993**      Gr. 4-6 to Frontier for Music Assembly  
1/2 Day Teacher In-Service

**Feb. 1993** Gr. 5&6 Skiing Swift River  
Gr. 3&4 Skating Greenfield Rink  
Gr. 5&6 Wesern Mass. Line Safety Program  
Gr. 3 Northfield Mt. Field Trip  
Gr. K,1,&2 Skating Greenfield Rink

**March 1993** Gr. 4 Northfield Mt. Field Trip  
Gr. 5&6 Skating Greenfield Rink  
Kindergarten Northfield Mt. Field Trip  
Gr. 1-6 Shea Theater Performance  
1/2 Day Teacher In-Service

**April 1993** Gr. 5 Northfield Mt. Field Trip  
Kindergarten Parent Orientation  
1/2 Day Teacher In-Service

**May 1993** Gr. 4 Northfield Mt. Field Trip  
Gr. 5 Nature's Classroom  
1/2 Day Teacher In-Service  
All School Picture  
Drama Students Field Trip Smith College  
Kindergarten Field Trip McCray Farm

**June 1993** Early Childhood Field Trip Northfield Mt.  
Annual Union #38 Track Meet Gr. 3-6  
Gr. 6 Northfield Mt. Field Trip  
Gr. 1&2 Northfield Mt. Field Trip  
Moving up Day



*Billy Cyoz. Whately Kindergarten*

Kindergarten Orientation  
Instrumental Band Concert  
Look Park Outing  
DARE Graduation  
Gr. 3&4 Hillside Nursing Home Concert  
K-6 Shea Theater Performance

**Sept. 1993**      Mediation Training  
Gr. 1 Field Trip Northfield Mt.  
1/2 Day Teacher In-Service  
Kindergarten Screening  
Early Childhood Field Trip Northfield Mt.

**Oct. 1993**      School Open House  
Field Trip Northfield Mt. Gr. 3  
Mediation Training  
Field Trip Northfield Mt. Gr. 6  
Field Trip Northfield Mt. Gr. 4  
Full Curriculum Day

**Nov. 1993**      1/2 Day Teacher In-Service  
School Pictures

**Dec. 1993**      2-1/2 Day Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Holiday Program



*David Marchefka, Grade 4*



**Whately Grants — FY93**

Early Childhood Development A7	\$11,160.00
Per Pupil Education Aid	\$13,000.00

**Whately Permanent Building Committee:**

- Mr. Robert Smith, Chair
- Mrs. Mary Ellen Szawlowski, Vice Chair
- Mrs. Theresa Billiel
- Mr. Kevin Helstowski
- Mrs. Carol Olanyk
- Mrs. Jane Grybko
- Mr. Charles Olanyk
- Ms. Barbara Schneider
- Mr. Lyndon Scott

**School Council:**

- Mr. Donald Skroski, Co-Chair
- Mr. Joseph Novotny, co-Chair
- Mrs. Margaret Kane, Secretary
- Mr. James Bielunis
- Ms. Ann Collette
- Mrs. Linda Gorey
- Ms. Ellen Kaplan
- Mrs. Dana Robinson
- Mrs. Robert Smith

**Peer Mediation:**

This year eighteen students in grades 4-6 received eighteen hours of training in peer mediation with the Franklin Mediation Service. In this process trained students use mediation



*Philip Cianciolo and Margaret Williams, Reading Projects, Grade 5*

techniques to resolve conflicts among students. This program is exciting in that children learn how to resolve conflict in a non-violent manner. Typically, by utilizing peer mediation problems are resolved without the need for adult intervention. Mrs. Patricia Bell and Mrs. Linda Gorey are the advisors to the student mediators. They also participated in the training sessions with the Franklin Mediation Service.

**New Mathematics Curriculum:**

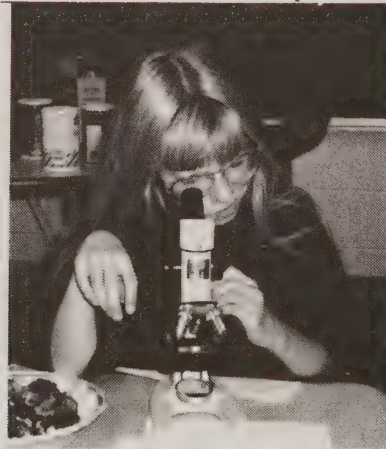
Last summer teachers in grades K-12 participated in a math project. This group of teachers met for three weeks and developed a new math curriculum. This curriculum is based on national standards developed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. This curriculum has since been adopted by the Union #38 school districts as well as Frontier Regional High School and is currently being implemented in all the district schools. Ms. Laurie DeVault, Mrs. Patricia Bell, and Mr. Thomas Bell served on this important committee. Thank you for a job well done. Future plans are to conduct similar reviews in the sciences as well as language arts curriculum.

**Strategic Planning:**

Last fall interested parents, teachers, administrators, school committee members and town officials met to develop a long range strategic plan for the school. As a result, a comprehensive plan was developed with specific performance objectives. These objectives centering around the following major areas: Student needs/self esteem, staffing/curriculum coordination, regionalization, intolerance, social issues, staff needs, communication/P.R./marketing. this plan was adopted by the Whately School Committee and will be utilized by the newly formed school council in the development of a school improvement plan. Copies of this strategic plan are available in the principal's office and the school library. Thanks to all who gave so freely of their time in this project.

**School Council:**

As a result of the passage for the Educational Reform Act of 1993 each school is mandated to formulate a school council. This council is made up of the school principal (co-chair),



*Amber Hubert, Grade 4*

three teachers (elected by teachers), four parents (elected by parents), and one non-parent community representative (appointed by the school committee). The four major areas of responsibility for school councils are:

- (1) Adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and state wide student performance standards.
- (2) Identifying the educational needs of students attending the school.
- (3) Reviewing the annual school building budget.
- (4) Formulating school improvement plan.

Mrs. Swift retired after the 1992-93 school year, after twenty-seven years of teaching. We are grateful for her contributions and effort in helping in the development of the youth of Whately. We wish her well in her retirement and wish her success in her future endeavors.

### **Special Thanks**

To the P.T.O. for their continued support in funding school projects (field trips, library, classroom supplements, etc.). Also, the Whately Cultural Council for funding school programming.

To Leah Mermelstein and Stephanie Grayson for their efforts in the formulation of an after school writing club. Currently there are fifty students who participate in this program after school.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Skroski, Principal



*Josh Ley, Grade 4*



# REPORT OF THE FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL

## Annual Report of the Principal—1993

To Superintendent Welch and the Frontier Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my twelfth annual report as Principal of Frontier Regional School.

I must take a moment to APPLAUD and recognize our former Superintendent, Richard M. Carlson, for his seven and one half years of dedicated service to the students, staff, and communities of our Frontier Regional School District. Indeed his hard work, loyalty, and commitment towards his duties/responsibilities have not gone unrecognized.

In mid-January, we warmly welcomed our new Superintendent, Dr. John J. Welch, to our Frontier community. Dr. Welch has brought a great deal of expertise/experience, enthusiasm, and energy to our school district. We are truly fortunate to have a man of Jack Welch's caliber leading our Frontier Regional School District.

I must also take a moment to APPLAUD, recognize, and say THANKS to members of our staff who retired during 1993. The following members of our Frontier Family gave a combined total of approximately TWO HUNDRED YEARS of dedicated service to the students, staff, and communities of FRS:

- + Donald Swicker, Science
- + Allan Richards, Science
- + Rene Fifield, Math
- + Irving Milewski, Math
- + G. Thomas Valiton, Physical Education
- + Henry Zukowski, Business Education
- + Lucy Melnick, Guidance Secretary
- + Doris Woods, Cafeteria Helper

I am again extremely proud to report to you Frontier Regional School's record of achievements/involvements/successes by its staff, its student body, and its communities during 1993. The myriad/scope of staff project/programs has to be termed as an OUTSTANDING effort by a group of highly dedicated professionals. Frontier continues to set the pace in providing quality education in a healthy/caring environment where students continue to feel comfortable and confident about themselves and their educational accomplishments/social well-being. Our Guidance Department's follow-up SURVEYS to recent FRS graduated classes reaffirm the success rate which they have reported/achieved in their POST-Frontier experiences. We at Frontier are truly "rich" in many things that money cannot buy: people, values, friendships, cooperation, and the continual dedication exhibited by a variety of our "Frontier Family" people-parents, our student body, teachers and coaches, secretar-

ies, our food services staff, custodians, administrators, and school committee personnel. The PRIDE of being a Frontier REDSKIN seems to permeate through the entire school community. Yes, I have much for which to be proud. I know you also share this pride and feeling of goodwill which seems to overflow our hallways, classrooms, and communities.

A MAJOR CONCERN continues to plague — an aged facility. The NEASC's Commission on Public Secondary Schools at its March 1993 meeting reviewed my **Special Progress Report of FRS** and did continue our accreditation. However, consistent with its guidelines, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges continued to place us on a "warning status" until all concerns are resolved regarding our school facilities. Moreover, since defeat of our school's renovation/expansion plans in December, our school's accreditation status is in further jeopardy.

Two paramount projects on which we continue to focus our attention during 1993 were **Curriculum Review** and **Renovation and Expansion Plans for FRS**. Indeed these two areas go "hand in hand" as we project Frontier's future growth — academically, physically, population-wise, facility-wise.

A. Our FRS Building Committee went "full steam ahead" during the past year with its renovation and expansion project. Its efforts culminated in all four (4) towns voting YES at town meetings held on the evening of October 21, 1993; BUT only two (2) towns voted YES at the ballot boxes on Saturday, October 23, for the necessary Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion, thus putting the PROJECT on hold. New voting dates were scheduled for the towns of Deerfield and Whately. Unfortunately at these December votes, our BUILDING PROJECT came up short as Whately's "no vote" on its debt exclusion again put the PROJECT on hold.

B. The following will give you a brief summary of the Curriculum Review areas which were pursued during 1993:

- + **A K-12 Mathematics Curriculum Guide (1993)** was finalized in August after K-12 Math Teacher workshops during last Spring and a three (3) week summer session, August 2 — August 20. Six (6) Frontier math teachers were members of this K-12 TEAM.
- + Five (5) in-service days scheduled in our school year calendar enabled us to continue to be involved in the task of curriculum review in each of our various department areas.
- + **Curriculum Work Plans** for our Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts Departments were outlined with K-12 implementation deadlines established.

Several other KEY Committees were formed during 1993 to also look at a myriad of school areas:

- + FRS Strategic Planning TEAM

- + FRS School Council
- + Health Education Advisory Council

I am extremely proud of our staff who continually made exceptional efforts for "our Frontier kids" despite limited resources. I applaud the educational family at Frontier for its willingness to constantly cope with these adversities and for its continued commitments to seek alternative methods/ways of winning the educational battles we face. Indeed our FRS staff must be applauded loudly for its outstanding accomplishments: its students' superior ratings in their post Frontier pursuits, staff attendance, attitude, dedication to tasks, and its care/concern for students. This staff must be highly commended for what it has done and for what it continues to do.

Frontier Regional has also been fortunate to have the support and active involvements of the following parent/community support groups:

- + Adolescent Issues Council (AIC)
- + Frontier Advocates for Musical Endeavors (FAME)
- + Partnership for a Safe and Sober Community
- + REDSKINS Sports Booster Club

The word TEAMWORK applies to just about any successful endeavor, and Frontier continues to work as a TEAM to bring the best to its student body. Frontier is more than just a school. It is a community of individuals (students, staff, parents, etc.) who share the same goals, who exhibit a great deal of care/concern for each other. We all have striven to provide a quality education in a healthy environment. Moreover, I APPLAUD "our FRS taxpayers" who have committed their financial efforts, caring attitudes/support to improve the quality of life at Frontier Regional.

Keeping lines of communication open is a vital part of Frontier's commitment to its students and their parents, our FRS School Committee, our communities as well as to our entire staff. Co-ordination of efforts, input, feedback are necessary for all. We continually encourage the media to visit Frontier and see/report, take photos of programs, people in action.

During 1993, we were fortunate to receive several GRANTS thus increasing our capabilities to service/fund programs/projects/materials for students' and staff's use. Most of these grants were accomplished/funded through projects written by staff members.

- + Chapter 1 (\$20,000.00)
- + Chapter 2 (\$4,000.00)
- + High Risk/Replication (\$2,980.00)
- + Arts Lottery (\$800.00)
- + Small Library Automation Feasibility Study (\$14,290.00)
- + Governor's Alliance Against Drugs (\$5,700.00)



In addition to the above, the Commonwealth through its Comprehensive Health GRANT, funded FRS and Union 38 with \$78,000.00 from cigarette tax monies. With this funding we were able to appoint a K-12 Health Education Coordinator, Ralph Linstra, and fund a variety of programs, consultants/workshop presentors during the 1993-94 school year.

We were also fortunate to receive an additional \$108,000.00 in state aid monies during 1993. these monies were primarily used to update our technology capabilities both school-wide and in individual classroom settings. \$15,000.00 was targeted as FRS's contribution towards the purchase of new band uniforms.

1993 also proved to be another successful interscholastic sports year in the distinguished thirty-eight (38) year history of Frontier Regional School. Because of our REDSKINS teams' successes, they brought a great deal of positive pride and recognition to their school and its communities. Moreover, the communities responded in a most caring/supportive manner by honoring and paying tribute to the coaches and student-athletes of our teams. We are extremely proud of our student-athletes of our teams. We are extremely proud of our student-athletes' accomplishments, their positive attitudes, their sportsmanship, their commitments to their teams and to their school. Our athletes continue to bring a great deal of positive recognition to their school and its communities.

I must SALUTE/APPLAUD the parents of our athletes and our communities for all their support, care/concern, active participation, the encouragement/love they give to their children/school citizens in our athletic programs. MANY have also been responsible for contributing financially to support our athletic department's needs — new equipment, championship banners, end-of-the year banquets/awards, team uniforms, scholarships, etc.

I must also SALUTE/APPLAUD the coaches of our various sports' teams. Their dedication and commitment to their programs is outstanding; the time/energies given to their teams is exhaustive. We are indeed fortunate to have "quality people" guiding/directing our young student-athletes.

I must also commend Myron Rokoszak for the "quality job" he has done as our Athletic Director/Faculty Manager. His attention to every detail is outstanding.

A wide variety of educationally sound programs, projects, activities, and involvements have been identified above. This report represents a high level of commitment on the part of ALL to continue to provide quality education for our young people at Frontier Regional.

An urgent plea must be for immediate attention to our facility needs. Our NEASC Visiting Committee REPORT cited over ninety (90) recommendations which need immediate repairs, replacements for our aging buildings. This problem is a serious one. We have

roofs that leak continually; we have classroom and hallway ceiling tiles that continue to fall; we have faulty plumbing, heating, and wiring problems. And the list goes on. Presently Frontier faces projected enrollment increases where students will have to be serviced in less than adequate facilities; **space** becomes an important need/priority.

My FRS Staff must be highly commended for what it has done, for what it continues to do. Indeed Frontier is RICH in the educational and human services it provides for its students, parents, and communities. Additional financial help/consideration is needed so that our school's climate, atmosphere, educational status can continue in the positive direction and with the pride of accomplishment we all associate with Frontier Regional School.

As a school, our aims are to promote and enrich academic knowledge, culture, character, and citizenship. Together with our total student body and its parents we should be able to help our school reach its potential of the best possible education for all — both curricular and extra-curricular. As a school we are responsible in many ways for the care, guidance, educational advancements and opportunities which we trust will add to the physical and mental growth of all our students. It is imperative that "what is right with public school education" receives equal attention in this day and age. Schools cannot be society's cure for every social ill. School can rise no higher than the communities that surround them. How we as a nation or community regard our schools has a powerful impact on what occurs in them. I can only LOOK at Frontier and take pride in what has been accomplished in this school district over the years and reassure our communities and their young people that our commitment to excellence will continue as our top priority. I feel we are a unique school-community. I know our staff, students, and communities are TOPS.

Frontier continues to possess many of the outstanding features which tend to make a school system successful:

- + a high degree of staff and student morale
- + quality personnel
- + an outstanding school climate/atmosphere
- + students and staff who foster care, concern, respect between each other
- + excellent parental support and involvement
- + a varied and challenging Program of Studies
- + outstanding attendance records of students and staff
- + an extremely high student participation in extra-curricular activities
- + the ability to foster a high percentage of "time on task" in our classrooms

I feel fortunate to be a part of "the FAMILY at FRONTIER" and to have had the pleasure of working with so many in our attempt to accomplish so much. With continued TEAMWORK on the part of all, the positive attitude and atmosphere which exists at Frontier will grow and nourish. Keeping the SKINS #1 continues to be our most important goal.

To be able to work to achieve the above objectives, a Principal truly needs the support

and confidence of his superiors and fellow workers. At Frontier, I have been blessed with this confidence, support, and direction. Superintendent Welch and our FRS School Committee have been outstanding in their "faith" in my leadership. Together they have created an atmosphere and system whose objectives and operational methods leave and entrust educational and school-wide programs to its principal and his TEAM of dedicated staff members.

Once again I humbly offer my sincere THANKS to my faculty and staff, our students, the parents and citizens of our school district for their untiring efforts and for fostering the ingredients of which winners are made: leadership, commitment, visibility, accessibility, accountability, loyalty, love.

May each of us profit from having been associated with one another.

Respectfully submitted,

William K. Decker  
Principal



## FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	TERM EXPIRES
John Coderre, Chair, South Deerfield	1996
Jane Tirrell, Sunderland	1996
William Smith, Secretary, Whately	1994
*Mary Ramon, Deerfield	1994
John Wholey, Conway	1995
Richard Roth, South Deerfield	1994
*Laura Gates, Conway	1994
*Margaret Wolejko, Sunderland	1994
*Terry Billiel, Whately	1994

\*Representing the Local Elementary School Committees for one year term

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Media Center, Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield, Massachusetts at 7:30 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATION

John J. Welch, Ed.D	Superintendent of Schools
Donald M. Scott	Business Manager/Treasurer
Grover C. Gentry, Jr.	Special Services Director
Patricia Stachelek	Frontier Regional Bookkeeper
Paula Light	Union #38 Bookkeeper
Stephen Shepherd	Secretary/Bookkeeper
Judith Wood	Administrative Secretary
Mary Ann Gagen	Administrative Secretary
Janet Morris	Special Services Secretary
William Decker	Principal
Richard Smith	Assistant Principal
Sue Redmond	Principal's Office Secretary
Roberta Reiter	Principal's Office Secretary
Evelyn Kawecki	Guidance Secretary

### ENROLLMENT — OCTOBER 1, 1993

Grade	Conway	Deerfield	Sunderland	Whately	Tuition Students	Total
7	23	61	30	20		134
8	13	54	27	13		107
9	20	60	22	23		125
10	11	42	25	16		94
11	11	34	18	12		75

12	15	35	19	12		81
Total	93	286	141	96	0	616

**FRONTIER REGIONAL  
SALARY SCHEDULE**

**September 1993 — June 1994**

<b>STEP</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>M+30</b>
1	21,258	22,369	23,736
2	22,250	23,320	24,611
3	23,288	24,312	25,517
4	24,365	25,346	26,458
5	24,966	26,425	27,432
6	25,841	27,247	28,442
7	26,468	28,094	29,490
8	27,633	28,968	30,445
9	28,339	29,869	31,429
10	29,065	30,601	32,879
11	30,589	32,446	34,395
12	32,193	34,402	35,981
13	32,726	35,671	37,640
14	33,499	36,443	38,413

**FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1993**

**ASSETS:**

Cash	416,422.73
Petty Cash	50.00
Town Assessments:	
Town of Conway	175,286.30
Town of Deerfield	643,418.22
Town of Sunderland	316,881.18
Town of Whately	209,508.78
Loans Authorized	110,000.00
Estimated Receipts	1,554,379.66
Amt. provided for Comp.	230,889.16

Bal. Retire. Bonuses	230,889.16
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Self Insur. Deposit	0.00
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**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

MMDT Trust Cash	28,243.07
Mary Ryan	4,887.46
Jeffrey Bednarski	1,352.25
Jeffrey Bednarski	7,712.97
Barbara Banas	3,549.78
Charles Pielock	1,667.41

**LIABILITIES:**

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:**

Blue Cross	(2,700.38)
Boston Mutual	(56.80)
Kaiser	(486.64)
Washington National	254.60
Interest Earned on cash	6,045.27
Temporary Loan	110,000.00

**FEDERAL GRANTS:**

Chapter I 91-92	10,156.65
Chapter I 92-93	(4,293.72)
Chapter I 93-94	29,462.10
Equal Educ. #190 019 003 154	5,652.88
Drug Free Sch. 33125440670	3,226.11
SPED Asst. PTVI #2401463067	(0.72)
SPED Asst. PTVII #2400354067	17,483.75
Educating Students	(453.20)
SPED 89-313 #2000404067	14,274.48
Teach Train, #3031564067	(-391.50)
Comprehensive Health	11,917.81

**REVOLVING FUNDS:**

Spec. Ed.	16,045.94
School Lunch	(1,882.40)
Athletic	23,899.42
Student Driver Ed..	5,467.97
Adults Meal Tax	49.95



**APPROPRIATION BALANCES:**

1000 Administration	61,347.24
2000 Instruction	1,045,202.05
3000 Other School Services	27,740.44
4000 Operation and Maint.	141,336.56
5000 Fixed Charges	180,727.82
7000 Acq. of Fixed Assets	(34,049.81)

**CHAPTER 766 SPED:**

1000 Administration	9,452.64
2000 Instruction	134,659.62
3000 Other School Services	1,953.15
7000 Fixed Assets	(420.00)
9000 Prog. with other Dist.	180,405.27
Encumbered Funds 92-93	4,938.04
Reserved for Petty Cash	50.00
Surplus Revenue	53,342.94
Assessment Revenue	1,345,094.49
School Bldg. Committee	1,369.71
Renovation of School	11,159.36
School Enrichment Council	6,315.75

**COMPENSATED ASSENCES:**

Obligation-Retirement	230,889.19
Self Ins. Claims Payable	0.00
Self Ins. Fund (Audit Adj)	0.00

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Trust Accts. -Balance	5,726.15
Trust Acct. 92	216.09

**FUND BALANCES:**

Michael Skibiski	1,119.71
Hale Clapp/VFW	3,489.58
Mary Ryan	4,487.46
Jeffrey Bednardski	10,814.22
FRSD School Committee	4,646.31
Barbara Banas	3,549.78
Tim Dash	2,207.09
Charles Pielock	1,567.41
Joseph Morawski	564.35
New FRSD Camp Scholarship	7,691.63
Int. Earned — Scholarships	1,333.16

**FISCAL AGENT SALARIES:**

Conway — Admin. Salaries	(6,851.14)
Conway — SPED. Salaries	(5,328.76)
Deerfield — Admin. Salaries	(6,095.66)
Deerfield — SPED Salaries	(12,259.09)
Sunderland — Admin. Sal.	(2,989.66)
Sunderland — SPED Sal.	(3,908.81)
Whately — Adm. Salaries	(2,294.04)
Whately — SPED Salaries	(592.68)
L06 Generic Supts Off 93	1,137.85
L06 Generic Supts. off 94	(5,266.26)
Capital Imp. (58.000)	16,057.48
Maturing Debt:-Principal	30,000.00
Maturing Interest	11,250.00
Field Hockey	(53.33)
Sch. Accts: Teach,Ret.(Ref)	(179.40)
Booster Club	(180.50)
SPED Prog. Gift	50.00
Proj. Main Reib.	130.00
Mary Ryan	(223.85)
Football	(153.31)
Faculty Breakfast	(30.35)
Class of 94	(35.13)
FRSD Teach Assoc.	(35.13)
Track	(35.12)
Deerfield Police Assoc.	(462.65)
Total	3,704,248.97
Net funded Fixed Debt.	275,000.00
Net funded Fixed Debt.	150,000.00
Construction Loan — Media	275,000.00
Capital Improvement Proj.	150,000.00

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF THE FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL AND SCHOOL UNION #38**

I am pleased to submit my first annual report of the Whately Elementary School. Since becoming Superintendent of the Frontier Regional and Union #38 School District in January 1993, I have had the pleasure of working with a fine group of dedicated School Committee members, administrators, faculty, staff and parents. Together we are making a difference; together we are insuring that children are provided with the best possible education.

In leading our school district, I have attempted to underscore the importance of what I call the 4C's — Communication, Cooperation, Coordination and Collaboration. It seems to me that our effectiveness and ability to deliver quality services to children is really a function of how well we promote the 4C's.

The 1993-1994 school year has proven to be both exciting and rewarding. In June 1993, Governor Weld signed into law the Education Reform Act of 1993. This legislation will undoubtedly influence the direction of Education in Massachusetts for many years to come. Important initiatives affecting school governance, finance, curriculum development, professional development and student outcomes are but some of the key components of this legislation.

Within the school system we are working diligently to achieve several important goals. The review and adoption of new curricula, for example, represents an important initiative. This past summer, teachers from the Union #38 schools and Frontier Regional convened during a three week period to accommodate the recommendations of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in our curriculum. We are confident that this experience will improve opportunities for students. Moreover it represents a model for curriculum review that we intend to replicate in the future as we examine other major academic areas. As a matter of fact, science K-12 represents the next major academic area we shall review prior to the start of school in September 1994.

As a complimentary activity to our review of the mathematics program, teacher in-service programs have stressed adoption of the strategies, concepts and techniques advocated by the National Council of Teacher of Mathematics. Supporting teacher in-service represents a critical component to insuring an appropriate transition from curriculum adoption to actual practice in the classroom. The use of technology, particularly microcomputers, as a tool for stimulating student involvement and productivity has attracted our attention as well this year. A committee of educators representing the Union and Region have convened on several occasions to examine this issue and provide a sense of perspective as to how we can maximize the use of technology throughout the district. This effort is expected to culminate in a document detailing specific objectives.



Speaking of objectives, each School Committee in the district developed a plan to guide our activities during the forthcoming year if not beyond. Often referred to as a strategic action plan, the purpose of this effort was to identify objectives important to the progress of the school. Naturally these objectives will govern many of our efforts this year. The development of this plan was a stimulating activity that involved the School Committee, administration, faculty, parents and community-at-large.

With the enactment of the so-called cigarette tax statute, revenues generated by the law have been disseminated by the state to school districts throughout the Commonwealth to support health related education programs. These funds have made it possible for us to retain the services of Dr. Ralph Linstra as Coordinator of Health Education, K-12. Dr. Linstra's extensive background in the field has proven invaluable in terms of developing a meaningful and relevant health education program.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this report, the success of an organization is really a function of how well people work together. I think much of our progress as an educational institution is attributable to the outstanding commitment demonstrated by the Whately School Committee. The Committee reasoned and sensible approach to overseeing the affairs of the district is the mark of responsible policy-making. I should also like to thank the citizenry, in general, for their continuing interest and support.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the leadership of our able Principal, Donald Skroski, our caring staff and our students, who are a great source of pride for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Welch, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Annual Report of the Superintendent-Director

Calendar Year Jan. 1, 1993 to Dec. 31, 1993

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. As submitted in previous reports, I will briefly outline those significant events that have transpired during the past year.

Franklin County Technical School has experienced a change in administrative leadership with the retirement of David Filkins from the position of Superintendent-Director. The new Administration will continue to rebuild F.C.T.S. in order that our staff, students, and community are able to meet the technological demands of the twenty-first century.

Regional schools have been given the trying and difficult task of implementing the new Educational Reform bill. The law specifies that regional agreements shall be superseded by the financial requirements of the Educational Reform bill. This situation results in additional tension between the local towns and the regional school. Now, more than ever, we must work together to continue the excellent relationships that exist between F.C.T.S. and its member towns.

Franklin County Technical School continues to develop adult education programs that will benefit all Franklin County residents. The Adult Education Elders Workers Program, located at F.C.T.S., is an excellent example of a successful program that can exist if we share our valuable resources.

The student enrollment has increased by ten percent over the previous year. This trend will continue to do so as the population of high school age students increases and as we work with local high schools to eliminate the general tract of education.

The October 1, 1993 enrollment by District and Non-District towns are as follows:

Bernardston	17	Shelburne	7
Buckland	12	Sunderland	7
Colrain	14	Warwick	7
Conway	3	Wendell	5
Deerfield	17	Whately	3
Erving	15	Amherst	9
Gill	11	Ashfield	8
Greenfield	113	Charlemont	3
Heath	3	Hawley	3
Leyden	8	Leverett	3
Montague	80	Plainfield	1
New Salem	6	Rowe	3
Northfield	19		
Orange	76		

A very successful career fair was held in March at which area eighth grade students were given an opportunity to explore careers in the vocational/technical areas offered at F.C.T.S. In addition, a highly attended evening session was held for all the parents of the same eighth grade students and for other prospective students.

• Articulation agreements continue to exist with Holyoke, Springfield, Technical, and Greenfield Community College which allow our students to receive college credit based on their competence in several technical programs.

Franklin County Technical School has entered its third year as a member of the Tech Prep West consortium with the same community Colleges. This innovative program encourages our students to enroll in advanced math, science, and communication courses at F.C.T.S for which they receive college credit, automatic acceptance into the Community College and an opportunity to transfer into an advanced degree program at the University of Massachusetts.

As in the past a large number of community service projects were completed by our school production shops. The annual house building project (being built this year in South Deerfield) is our major project. However, a large number of District towns benefited from the skills of our student body. We have also been involved in a number of remodeling projects at county senior citizen centers and the construction of recycling sheds for several member towns. The Tech School continues to receive a large and varied number of federal grants allocated to curricular improvement. The school receives in excess of \$200,000 in direct grants to assist us in developing a large number of vocational and special education programs. Furthermore, a number of our area business and industrial firms donated valuable materials, equipment, and services to our school.

The Tech School was proud to offer diplomas and trade certificates to eighty-two seniors in the class of 1993. These graduates were:

Michael E. Bean

Ezar Bowers

Benjamin R. Burt

Michael J. Clapp

Darrell Cleveland, Jr.

Michelle C. Desrosiers

Thomas Edward Easton

Rebecca J. Flood

Kerri Anne George

Robert Gonzalez

Joachim D.W. Graton

Joshua Wade Guyette

Sandra Lee Jackman

Michaelle Ann Latham

Ellie M. Lyman

Holly Lynn McCullogh

Corey J. Melanson

Carlotta F. Moore

Shannon Mary O'Connell

Frank H. Parker, Jr.

Joshua W. Perkins

Steven R. Pszczola

Christopher Rice

Marcie-Anne Savoie

Harry W. Taylor II

Brian J. Betit

Keith Shawn Britt

Tracy L. Canon

Richard F. Clapp

Michaelle Crowningshield



D'Ann I. Doyle  
 James M. Facey  
 John Michael Gates  
 Steven Stanley Gochinski  
 Amanda May Gordon  
 Casey Franklin Griswold  
 Rosemary D. Hebert  
 Thomas Bruce Kelly  
 Tracy Lynn Lewis  
 Keith Wade Matthews  
 Kimberly Marie McKay  
 Kenneth B. Miller  
 Caity Moriaty  
 Douglas James Orrell  
 Freeman Peabody  
 Donald I. Phillips  
 Keith S. Raymond Jr.  
 Michael Riel  
 Daniel J. Scully  
 Joel L. Thurber  
 John M. Blake  
 Robyn Ann Brunelle  
 Kevin A. Carpenter  
 Tammy Jean Clapp  
 Frances Elaine Denyou  
 Wade T. Drost  
 Roger P. Flanders

Lisa A. Gaynor Koumbis  
 Randy Michael Gonynor  
 Amy J. Grabowski  
 Christopher M. Grogan  
 Cyrus J. Hinckley  
 Jennifer Beth Koshinsky  
 Julie M. Ludwiczak  
 Todd Michael Mayhew  
 Billy J. McKnight  
 Richard C. Moody  
 Robin-Lee Morrison  
 Stanley A. Ostrowski  
 Brian James Pelletier  
 Jason D. Phillips  
 Dale Gene Reynolds  
 Knok Ruon  
 Genevieve L. Spagna  
 Cynthia Ann Tobey  
 David Griel Vorce  
 Ramond E. White  
 Christopher T. Wood  
 Daniel J. Waldron  
 Todd R. Wiles  
 April Nicole Young  
 Angela Marie Welles  
 Gary Brian Willard

Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to be an effective vehicle for job placement of Tech Students. As of September, 1993, our Senior placement record was as follows:

Available for Placement	82
Entered College	15
Entered Military	6
Entered Work Force	49\
Employed in Related Technical Training	38
Employed in Unrelated Technical Training	11
Job Placement (total)	60%

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire educational community at Franklin County Technical School for its dedication and hard work. Their support and understanding during difficult economic times have been appreciated.

Respectively submitted

Walter R. Welch  
 Superintendent-Director

## FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Reformation/n: the act of amending or improving by changing the form or condition.

This one word summarizes the school year and continued state of the Franklin County Technical School. Before the advent of the education reform package there was the early retirement incentive. As a result of that we saw the retirement of eight key staff members who have given these communities a total of 166 years of service to education. Lois Bean, David Filkins, Thelma Moekel, Roy Rabideau, Bob Richardson, Helen Stotz, Doreen Willis, and Ray Willis will be sadly missed by the staff and students of the school community.

The next step was the passage of the education reform package. Although many of the changes around management and school committee role were not major changes for us at F.C.T.S., the budgetary nightmares continue to this date and beyond. We continue to receive weekly changes with the horizon full of proposed amendments. Town meetings around school budgets will definitely hold a different flavor than we have previously experienced. The operative word is patience and together the schools and their communities will figure this out.

Perhaps the most challenging and exciting change for F.C.T.H.S. is the beginning of the accreditation process for the New England Associations of Schools and Colleges. Many of the Subcommittees have formed and are hard at work taking a close look at our philosophy, goals and objectives, and curriculum and how they suit the needs of local business, communities, students, and their families. Getting the opportunity to work with staff, administration, school committee, and parents is a unique chance to compare notes and assure each other that we are striving for common goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee members for their hard work on all of the subcommittees and in their efforts to keep their towns informed of the rapidly changing environment at F.C.T.H.S.

The one other person that I cannot end without giving my sincere thanks to is David Filkins. David has made my years on the school committee enjoyable, fulfilling, and a learning experience. When the education reform package hit many school committees were "at sea" about the change in their roles as they had "micro managed" their schools. With David Filkins insight and the help of our professional organization, the committee of the F.C.T.H.S. has never felt the need to "micro manage". We have and continue to effectively act as the policy making body of the school. Lastly our sincere thanks to all of the residents of our towns who continue to support the education of our youth in these financially difficult times. Your insight as to this important issue will be what carries us successfully into the 21st century.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharleen Moffatt  
Town of Buckland

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

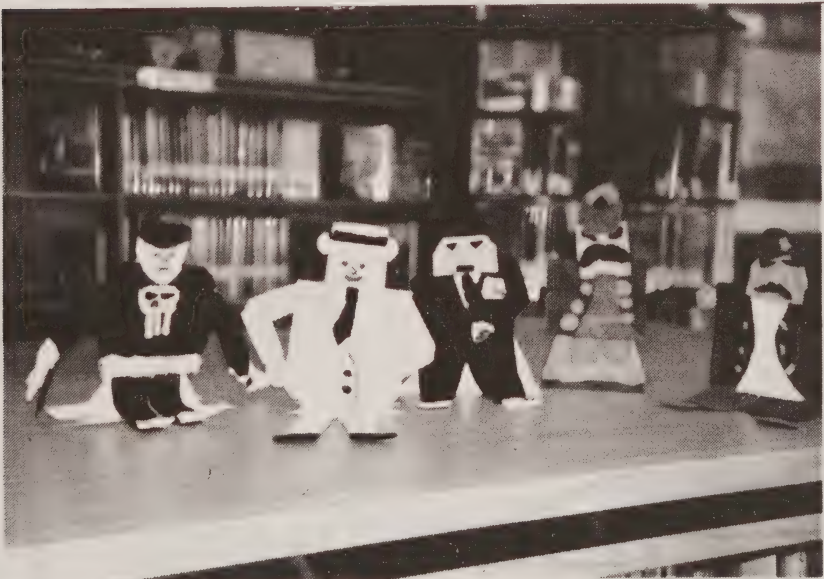
## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For a number of years Whately has used the services of Patriot Properties, Inc. a municipal appraisal company, to assess all the properties in town, compute the tax rate and print the bills. In the spring of 1993 the Board of Assessors decided to bring all these functions in house by hiring a clerk to work 25 hours a week and by purchasing a computer and the Patriot Software. About half the computerization costs have been borne by a grant from the Executive Office of Communities and Development. Included in the grant were funds for computerization of the tax collector's office as well.

We expect that by assuming the tasks of assessment, revaluation and billing we will be able to provide a more accurate, equitable and personalized service to our residents. We hope also that the new system will prove to be less costly for you.

The office at 194 Chestnut Plain is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 2 to 5 pm. Our clerk, Cynthia Herbert, however can generally be reached those same days after 10 am. at 665-3470. The Board meets every Monday Evening from 7 to 9:30.

Victor Moreno  
Bruce Walker  
Ai Annis



*Finger Puppet Art Project — Students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 made felt finger puppets. Each puppet represents an interpretation of a character from the game "Clue." Pauline Grinnan, Art Teacher*



# TAX COLLECTORS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 1993

	Balance 7-1-92	Abatements	Refunds	Tax Title- Takings	Collections	Commitments	Balance 6-30-93
<b>Personal Property</b>							
1991	53.22						53.22
1992	497.73				295.31		202.42
1993		91.29	108.42		41,421.26	42,137.95	733.82
<b>Real Estate</b>							
1990	3,435.60				2,792.48		643.12
1991	13,379.38				11,031.56		2,347.82
1992	107,284.93	410.19	811.27	8,383.48	75,224.99		24,077.54
1993		15,980.99	2,782.22	4,809.48	1,438,766.49	1,585,769.25	128,994.51
<b>Motor Vehicle Excise</b>							
1986	208.44						208.44
1987	1,600.84						1,600.84
1988	779.92				6.56		773.36
1989	2,582.60				92.50		2,490.10
1990	3,832.19				1,320.32		2,511.87
1991	3,649.78	85.94	50.94		3,040.21	1,489.08	2,063.65
1992	7,256.94	1,335.78	555.63		25,998.27	20,815.33	1,293.85
1993		769.29	159.17		57,658.55	69,143.70	10,875.03
<b>Farm Animal &amp; Machinery Excise</b>							
1991	1,470.63	870.00			300.63		300.00
1992		190.00			4,106.19	4,641.19	345.00

**Boat Excise**  
1992

256.00      301.00      45.00

**Forest Products Tax**

1990

604.93

604.93

Water Rates

2,329.26

3,483.73

Water Hookups

47,082.53

48,237.00

277.37

Water Misc.

18,200.00

18,477.37

63.00

TOTALS

148,966.39

19,733.48

4,467.65

13,192.96

1,727,656.85

1,791,074.87

183,925.62

Submitted by:

Karen R. Skroski, Town Collector

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

### 1993 DOG LICENSES

158	Male Dogs @ \$3.00	\$474.00
16	Female Dogs @ \$6.00	96.00
138	Spayed Female Dogs @ \$3.00	414.00
7	Kennels @ \$10.00	70.00
		\$1,054.00
	Less 319 fees @ \$.75	-239.25
		\$814.75
	Fines	\$734.00
	Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1,548.75

#### **Paid to Town Treasurer:**

Gas Renewals	\$3.00
Appeals — ZBA	500.00
Sale of Street Lists	35.00
Sale of by-laws & sub-division regs.	71.00
Postage	5.59
	\$614.59

### 1993 FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE RETURNS

25	Resident Citizen Fishing @ \$12.50	\$312.50
1	Resident Citizen Minor Fishing @ \$6.50	6.50
1	Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic, Blind, Mentally Retarded, over 70 -Free	—
6	Non-Resident Citizen Fishing @ \$17.50	105.00
1	Resident Citizen Trapping @ \$20.50	20.50
1	Duplicate Fishing @ \$2.00	2.00
23	Resident Citizen Hunting @ \$12.50	287.50
1	Resident Citizen Hunting Age 65-59 \$ \$6.25	6.25
2	Non-Resident Citizen Hunting Big Game @ \$48.50	97.00
1	Non-Resident Citizen Hunting Small Game @ \$23.50	23.50
46	Resident Citizen Sporting @ \$19.50	897.00
5	Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69 @ \$9.75	48.75
32	Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70 — Free	—
2	Duplicate Sporting @ \$2.00	4.00



37	Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps @ \$5.10	188.70
3	Mass. Waterfowl Stamp @ \$5.00	15.00
101	Wildlands Conservation Stamp-Resident @\$5.	505.00
9	Wildlands Conservation Stamp-Non-Resident @ \$5.00	45.00
		\$2,564.20
	Less 111 fees @ \$.75	-55.50
	Less 3 fees @ \$.25	-.75
	Less 37 fees @ \$.10	-3.70
	Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$2,504.25

**TOWN OF WHATELY  
BALANCE SHEET  
JUNE 30,1993**

**ASSETS**

**Cash**

General	\$299,714.44	
Petty Cash	\$150.00	
Water Grant	\$3,780.36	\$303,644.80

**Accounts Receivable:**

Real Estate Taxes:

Levy of 1989	(\$300.00)	
Levy of 1990	\$643.12	
Levy of 1991	\$2,347.82	
Levy of 1992	\$24,077.54	
Levy of 1993	\$128,994.51	\$155,762.99

**Personal Property Taxes:**

Levy of 1991	\$53.22	
Levy of 1992	\$202.42	
Levy of 1993	\$733.82	\$989.46

**Motor vehicle Excise Taxes:**

Levy of 1986	\$208.44	
Levy of 1987	\$1,600.84	
Levy of 1988	\$773.36	
Levy of 1989	\$2,490.10	
Levy of 1990	\$2,511.87	
Levy of 1991	\$2,063.65	
Levy of 1992	\$1,293.85	
Levy of 1993	\$10,875.03	\$21,817.14

**Forest Products Tax:**

Levy of 1990	\$604.93	\$604.93
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**Farm Animals Excise Taxes:**

Levy of 1991	\$300.00	
Levy of 1992	\$345.00	
Levy of 1993	(\$25.00)	\$620.00

**Boat Excise Tax:**

Levy of 1992	\$45.00	\$45.00
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Water Rates		\$3,483.73
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Water Hook up Fees		\$277.37
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Tax Titles		\$21,901.24
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Loans Authorized		\$671,532.00
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Overdrawn Appropriations		\$46,909.12
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$1,227,587.78</b>
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## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

### Withholding Taxes Payable:

Group Health & Life Insurance	\$2,001.18
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### Overlays:

1989	\$1,199.04	
1990	\$6,335.13	
1991	\$1,795.31	
1992	\$3,485.31	
1993	\$6,309.76	\$19,124.55

### Revenues Reserved Until Collected:

Farm Animal Excise	\$620.00	
Boat Excise	\$45.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$21,817.14	
Tax Title	\$21,901.24	
Forest Products	\$604.93	
Water Charges	\$3,761.10	\$48,749.41

### Unexpended Balances:

Franklin Cty. Tax Assessment	\$3,612.42	
Tailings	\$2,050.24	
Highway special Account	\$445.78	
Early Childhood Chap. 188	\$1,323.00	
SPED Assistance Grant	(\$250.62)	
Per Pupil Education Aid Grant	\$12,000.00	
School Lunch	\$1,692.03	
Executive Assistant Grant	\$214.38	
Arts Lottery Council	\$991.50	
Dog Refund	\$14.08	
Library Incentive Grant	\$2,652.99	
School Gift & Tuition Acct.	\$6,006.11	
Council on Aging	\$2.73	
Gifts and Bequests	\$1.50	
Miscellaneous Trust Fund Income	\$2,387.64	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$1,855.00	
Ma. Historical Grant	\$96.80	
Fish & Game Licenses	(\$114.00)	
Machinery fund	\$380.00	
Insurance Fund	\$555.21	
Off-Duty	(\$759.00)	\$35,157.79

### TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES-PAGE 2

\$105,032.93

Water Available Surplus

(\$19,836.94)

Loans Authorized and Unissued

\$671,532.00

Surplus revenue

\$302,582.16



Appropriation Balances:		
General Fund	\$164,497.27	
Water Grant	\$3,780.36	\$168,277.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES-PAGE 3		\$1,122,554.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES-PAGE 2		\$105,032.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		\$1,227,587.78
Debt Ledger		
New Funded Debt		\$4,837,029.72
Total Net Funded Debt		\$4,837,029.72
Water Loan		\$1,174,529.72
Fire Truck Loan		\$20,000.00
New School Loan		\$3,642,500.00
Total Debt		\$4,837,029.72

#### APPROPRIATION BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 1993

Account	Approp.	FY 1992 Carryovers	FY 1993 Transfers	Expended	Balance
<b>General Government</b>					
Selectmen's Office	6,550.00		2,866.92	9,266.85	150.07
Encumbered Funds					
Selectmen	0.00	378.14	0.00	377.93	.021
Administrative					
Assistant	22,398.00		0.00	22,397.44	0.56
Selectmen's Clerk	600.00		0.00	358.27	241.73
Legal Counsel	8,000.00		0.00	2,752.71	5,247.29
Audit	4,000.00			4,000.00	0.00
Publications Town Report	2,500.00		91.50	2,591.50	0.00
Encumbered Town Report	0.00	713.50			713.50
Town Building Repairs	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Town Hall Operations	9,000.00		0.00	8,491.42	508.58
Encumbered Funds					
Town Hall	0.00	741.58		741.58	0.00
Center School					
Operations	5,000.00		3,500.00	8,338.63	161.37
East School Operations	2,000.00		0.00	1,379.30	620.70

Town Clerk	9,950.00		2,528.00	9,660.48	2,817.52
Encumbered Funds					
Town Clerk FY90	0.00	122.92		0.00	122.92
Encumbered Funds					
Town Clerk FY92	0.00	562.37	0.00	0.00	562.37
Town Accountant	6,245.00			6,035.33	209.67
Town Treasurer	12,774.00		700.00	13,127.87	346.13
Encumbered Funds					
Treasurer	0.00	83.95		83.95	0.00
Town Collector	11,835.00	0.00		11,827.62	7.38
Assessors	10,025.00			5,861.39	4,163.61
Encumbered Funds					
Assessors	0.00	114.40		114.00	0.00
Board of Health	1,901.00		45.04	1,946.04	0.00
Franklin County					
Solid Waste	1,425.00			1,425.00	0.00
Health Agent	9,498.00			9,497.60	0.40
Solid Waste Disposal	31,535.00		0.00	33,231.92	(1,696.92)
Cemetery Commission	1,300.00		4,000.00	5,284.93	15.07
Planning Board	1,000.00		1,150.00	490.28	1,659.72
Zoning Board					
of Appeals	1,200.00		0.00	440.92	759.08
Finance Committee	150.00		40.99	190.99	0.00
Moderator	75.00		0.00	75.00	0.00

#### Public Safety

Fire Dept					
& Ambulance	24,572.00		2,034.80	26,213.01	393.79
Police Dept.	4,875.00		3,526.50	8,238.02	163.48
Dog Officer	1,650.00			1,285.00	365.00
Dog Officer					
Encumbered Funds	0.00	289.35		289.35	0.00
Animal Inspector	200.00			200.00	0.00
County Inspection					
Program	24,173.00			24,172.52	0.48
Civil Defense	1,300.00		1,366.83	<u>2,666.83</u>	0.00
Franklin City					
Dispatch Service	4,461.00		0.80	4,461.80	0.00

#### Public Works

Hwy. Salaries	59,204.00		1,144.22	60,348.22	0.00
General Highways	63,205.00		0.00	63,110.50	94.50
Winter Roads	57,902.00		4,149.27	62,051.27	0.00
Road Machinery	18,400.00		400.00	18,782.25	17.75

Garage Maintenance	3,500.00		215.07	3,715.07	0.00
Bridge Engineering FY92	0.00	5,700.00	(5,700.00)	0.00	0.00
Conway Rd					
Bridges Engineering	4,500.00	0.00		1,650.00	2,850.00
Swamp Rd. Bridge	0.00	0.00		7,224.47	(7,224.47)
Bridge Repair Program FY88		(25,109.20)	5,700.00	900.00	(20,309.20)
(Williamsburg Rd. Bridge)					
Williamsburg Rd Bridge FY93		0.00		59,105.42	(59,105.42)
Masterson Rd. FY88	0.00	903.48		0.00	903.48
Masterson Rd. FY89	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
Masterson Rd. FY91	0.00	5,000.00		0.00	5,000.00
Chapter, 133 Hwys.			27,930.00	27,930.00	0.00
Chapter 33 Hwys.	68,878.00		27,930.00	68,134.59	28,673.41
Street Lights	3,354.00		700.00	4,036.93	17.07
<b>Water Department</b>					
Water Dept. Salaries	14,550.00		175.00	14,710.45	14.55
Water Dept. Operations	15,950.00		0.00	15,865.25	84.75
Water Dept. Other	3,450.00			3,415.90	34.10
Tree Dept.	3,000.00		60.00	3,058.34	1.66
<b>Insurance &amp; Benefits</b>					
Veterans Benefits	600.00		0.00	108.00	492.00
Property & Liability	50,300.00			25,727.24	24,572.76
Employee Health Ins.	100,365.00			95,405.22	4,959.78
Worker Comp & Accident	15,000.00			10,258.00	4,742.00
Unemployment Claims	2,000.00		0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Franklin Cty. Retirement	0.00		29,709.00	29,709.00	0.00
<b>Principal &amp; Interest</b>					
Temporary Loan Interest	64,000.00			13,956.67	50,043.33
Fire Truck Princ & Interest	23,000.00			22,054.28	954.72
New School Princ & Interest	456,685.00		(8,087.94)	447,030.33	1,566.73
Water Sys. Princ & Interest	121,263.00			121,263.00	0.00

<b>Library</b>					
Library Operations	20,453.00		5,000.00	25,416.12	36.88
Encumbered Funds					
Library	0.00	924.50		924.50	0.00
<b>Schools</b>					
Frontier					
Regional School	436,919.00	0.00	0.00	436,918.44	0.56
Chapter 766			72,169.37	72,169.37	0.00
Local Schools	621,301.00		(72,169.37)	496,332.06	52,799.57
Franklin Cty. Tech	26,000.00		204.26	26,204.25	0.01
School Local Asbestos		1,142.00		0.00	1,142.00
Removal					
School Encumbered Funds		48,977.50		48,037.67	939.83
School Construction		150,253.20	0.00	109,502.41	40,750.79
Frontier Regional					
Capital	11,107.18			11,107.18	0.00
Improvement					
<b>Unclassified</b>					
Recreation Commission	3,200.00			2,957.84	242.16
Tri Town Beach	2,400.00		86.10	2,486.10	0.00
Revaluation (FY92 vote)	0.00	5,838.75		5,838.75	0.00
Revaluation (FY93 vote)	8,000.00			3,261.25	4,738.75
Council on Aging	1,000.00		0.00	955.00	45.00
Computer Software	6,000.00			3,910.00	2,090.00
Codification		312.66	2,000.00		2,312.66
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Reserve Fund	20,000.00		(19,506.31)	0.00	493.69
Amer. Disabilities Act			1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Grand Totals	\$2,530,678	\$206,949	\$94,960	\$2,664,087	\$168,500



## TREASURER'S SUMMARY

Year Ended June 30, 1993

Balance July 1, 1992 \$675,381.28  
Receipts per month:

July	\$30,447.22
August	459,374.68
September	319,278.93
October	57,440.62
November	88,499.43
December	306,768.78
January	604,974.42
February	436,999.98
March	189,640.13
April	239,888.14
May	546,716.88
June	105,234.56

Total Receipts \$3,385,263.77

Total payments per Selectmen's Orders:

July	\$461,433.57
August	186,571.40
September	111,045.77
October	334,454.23
November	166,806.36
December	622,990.98
January	111,842.89
February	540,228.81
March	124,377.66
April	295,342.59
May	126,620.77
June	675,435.22

Less Warrants Payable \$3,757,150.25

Balance June 30, 1993 \$303,494.80

Myron C. Orloski  
Treasurer  
January 15, 1994

## TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS

December 31, 1993

	Principal	Balance
S.W. Dickinson Library Fund	\$75,000.00	\$96,388.17
Annie Danforth Library Fund	400.00	801.03
Joseph & Josie Maiewski Library Fund	1,000.00	1,985.01
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	31,575.00	33,139.98
Ambulance Replacement Fund		75.91
Barnard Church Fund	1,000.00	1,049.59
Davenport School & Poor Fund	200.00	1,512.90
S.W.Dickinson Aged Persons Fund	5,000.00	8,105.17
Stabilization Fund	185,000.00	203,722.02
Paul Field Library Fund	5,000.00	11,449.09
Whately Grange Monument Fund	50.00	95.97

Respectfully submitted,

Myron C. Orloske  
Treasurer



*Craypas Drawings — A Study of colors and impressionism. Drawing by Krystin Hannum, Grade 1. Pauline Grinnan, Art Teacher.*

**SPECIAL  
TOWN MEETINGS**

**July 13, 1993**

**Article 1.** Voted to transfer the sum of \$4,149.27 from the FY93 New School Principal and Interest Account to the FY93 Winter Roads Account to cover a deficit due to extraordinary snow and ice removal costs.

**Article 2.** Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to fund the conduct of a Transition Plan to bring the Town into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and to meet that appropriation, transfer the sum of \$1,000 from the 93 New School Principal and Interest Account

**Article 3.** Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$700 from the FY93 New School Principal and Interest Account to the FY93 Street Lights Account.

**Article 4.** Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$238.67 from the FY93 New School Principal and Interest Account to the FY93 Selectmen's Expenses Account to cover the unexpected cost of providing consultant assistance to the Conservation Commission.

**Article 5.** Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$50,043.33 from the FY93 Temporary Loan Interest Account to the FY94 Temporary Loan Interest Account in anticipation of borrowing.

**Article 6.** Voted that the Town combine the FY88 Bridge Repair Program Account and the FY93 Williamsburg Road Bridge Account into one account to be called Williamsburg Road Bridge Account.

**Article 7.** Voted that the town combine the FY88 Masterson Road Account, the FY89 Masterson Road Account and the FY91 Masterson Road Account into one account to be called Masterson Road.

**Article 8.** Voted that the Town establish a committee to assist the Town with furthering the requirements and aims of the Americans with Disabilities Act and that the Committee be appointed by the Selectmen and consist of five members including the ADA Coordination for the Town.

**Article 9.** Voted that the Town amend Article I, Paragraph 4 of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Agreement by adding "Conway" to the list of District member municipalities.

**Article 10.** Voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the FY93 New School Principal and Interest Account to the Codification Account for the update of the codification.

**Article 11.** Voted that the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 83 of the Early Retirement Incentive Program of the Education Reform Act of 1993; and furthermore that the Town permit the participation of one(1) employee in calendar year 1993; provided that said employee is entitled to participate with a five year benefit.

**October 21, 1993**

**Article 1.** Voted that the Town approve the amount of \$21,000,000 debt authorized by vote of the Frontier Regional School District School Committee on September 14, 1993 for constructing, reconstructing, adding to and equipping the regional school in Deerfield, which vote provides that no sums in excess of \$1,500,000.00, to be expended for architectural, engineering and other fees and expenses related to the preparation of plans and specifications for the project, shall be borrowed until the State Board of Education has approved the project for a school construction grant of at least 65% of eligible costs and, further, that no sums shall be borrowed unless any member town that has included a question providing for the exemption from the limitations of Proposition 2 1/2 of amounts assessed to pay principal and interest on the bonds on the ballot for a town election held on or before October 23, 1993 shall have voted at that election to approve the question.

Yes — 51

No — 12

**November 30, 1993**

**Article 1.** Voted that the Town approve the amount of \$21,000,000 debt authorized by vote of the Frontier Regional School District School Committee on November 9, 1993 for constructing, reconstructing, adding to and equipping the Regional High School in Deerfield, which vote provides that no sums in excess of \$1,500,000.00 to be expended for architectural, engineering and other fees and expenses related to the preparation of plans and specifications for the project shall be borrowed until the State Board of Education has approved the project for a school construction grant of at least 65% of eligible costs and, further that no sums shall be borrowed hereunder unless any of the Towns of Deerfield and Whately that has included a question providing for the exemption from the limitations of Proposition 21/2 of amounts assessed to pay principal and interest on the bonds on the ballot for a town election held on or before January 7, 1994 shall have voted at that election to approve the question.

Secret ballot vote

Yes — 88

No — 71

Blanks — 2

**Article 2.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,229 to supplement the operating expenses of the Whately Elementary School for Fiscal Year 1994 in order to meet the town's minimum contribution requirement under the Education Reform Act.



Vote was Unanimous.

**Article 3.** Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$111.42 to supplement the operating expenses of the Franklin County Technical School for Fiscal Year 1994 in order to meet the town’s minimum contribution requirement under the Education Reform Act.

Vote was Unanimous

**Article 4.** Moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,516.24 for outstanding FY93 expenses incurred by the Tree Warden.

Yes —	51
No —	11

Motion was lost as a 9/10 vote was required.

**Article 5.** Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,187 for outstanding FY93 Solid Waste Expenses.

Vote was Unanimous

**Article 6.** Voted that the Town change the official map of the streets and roads in town, adopted on June 29, 1978 by changing the name of Mt. Esther Road, which runs from the intersection with Dickinson Hill and Masterson roads on the south end, north to the end of the town way, to Dickinson Hill Road so that it is an extension of the current Dickinson Hill Road.

Vote was Unanimous



*Highway Superintendent Keith Bardwell inspects roads during mud season.*



# WATKINS

Scale 200 Rods to the inch

1871



## NOTES



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## TOWN DIRECTORY EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire	772-2133
Ambulance	772-2133
State Police	772-2133

## TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Assessors, Town Hall	665-3470
Board of Health, Town Hall	665-8051
Dog Officer	665-2664
Emergency Management	665-0322
FAX Machine for Town Departments	665-0322
Highway Department	665-2983
Inspection Services:	
Building	772-2026
Plumbing & Gas	772-2026
Wiring	774-5623
Schools:	
Whately Elementary School	665-7826
Frontier Regional School	665-2118
Franklin County Technical School	863-9561
Selectmen, Center School	665-4400
S. White Dickinson Memorial Library	665-2170
Town Collector, Town Hall	665-3470
Town Clerk	665-4584
Water Department	665-3080

## OFFICE HOURS

Assessors	Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays, 2:00 - 5:00
Library	Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00 - 5:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 Saturdays, 9:00 - 1:00
Selectmen	Mondays - Fridays, 9:00 - 4:00
Tax Collector	Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Transfer Station	Tuesdays, Noon - 5:00 p.m. Saturdays, 7:00 - 5:00

Please refer to the Meeting Schedule provided in the Town Report for regular meeting dates of town boards and committees.